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of M. GOLDMAN, of a son. . . . DEATHS. On February 24, 1908, at Tandjong Bringin, Sumatra, I HOMAS RIACH, son of the late John Riach of Shanghai.

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MELCHERS, aged one year and a half. At Sadan, France, Madame J. C. PERCEBOIS, the shifting of industries to better sites, formerly of Shanghai, mother of Mr. D. Percebois, Imperial Chinese Customs Fervice.

ESTRPHANIA ROZA DE SENNA e filhos com summa (magoa" participum a seus parentes amigos, o mais pessoas de suas relações que Dans N. S. so dignou lever para sua Santa objectionable schemes. Among such, as Gloria, seu querido Esposo e Pai Joaquim Francisco de Senua, hontem às g horas C'manha.

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EVELYN CHRISTINA CHARLOTTE, daughter of . R. Tottenham, late Rengal Civil Service. On February 23, 908, at Shanghai, BERTHA LAZARHVITCH, of Herson, Russis, to AUGUST HERZBERG, of Shanghai. On February 27, 1938, at Shanghai, JULIA

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WILLIAMS NICHOLS. On February 28, 1908, at Shanghai, ANDREW EDWARD, eldest son of the late Andrew Sandbach of Ipswich, to JANE GORDON, second daughter of Capt. Oudney of Fairfield, Car-

On February 29, 1908, at Shanghai, JOHN ALEXANDER ROSS, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, to ELLA WATSON, youngest daughter of the late Rev. John Whyte, Moyness, Nairnshire, and of Mrs. Whyte, Hermanhill, Dundee, Scotland.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1908.

UN SPECULATION AND INVEST

(29th February.)

It is a well-known fact that in times of stress and difficulty the most conservative of dreams. More or less we are all dreamers. knowledge does not save us from the tendency to put our money on the outsider. of course it is all very well to talk about what one should do, but human nature is against rule and formulae, and people, the

best of us, will still speculate to the end. An excellent article, which will convince unhody, and was probably written after a coup which failed, appears in, Indian engineering on this subject. It begins and continues as follows:-Making money should surely be a wholly meritorious act since money is standardized labour-the equivalent representative of man's toil, whether mental or physical, inwhich we are supposed to adjust our mutual indebtedness for services rendered. To make money is therefore to increase the net halance of the world's assets; and therefore, even when what is so added is possessed entirely by the individual who has "made" it, he who adds has bettered the world as a whole; and, though himself retaining the made but filched from others. In all lend, much beyond the normal equivalent in ing and renting, unless the interest or rent | money, and their wonderful industry is hamis but a fair equivalent for some service such | pered at all points by the resulting poverty. as provision, storage or laborious forethought, For all that, the trade of China is a growing we are morally on a level with the highway- one and as the resources of the country are man who forces another to hand over his

purse because he has not provided himselfas we have-with a loaded pistol. The pernicious nature of thieving-or filching from another without his consent-and of public gambling-or filching from another with his consent-is universally recognised by the more civilized nations. When will the masked equivalents of both these despicable acts be. as rigidly prohibited? Not until the reasoning faculty of the majority of mankind has advanced to a much higher level than that which represents its present stage of development. It would be perfectly easy on official investigation in licensing projects and taxing profits, to discriminate between the two classes of operations: and no more difficult to prevent the prosecution of vicious schemes than it is to suppress highway robbery and the public sale of lottery tickets. Public intelligence is not yet capable of supcan greatly hasten the advent of a better state of things by uniformly abstaining from any association with projects of the vicious class. There are numerous openings for perfectly legitimate speculation the righteous nature of which is evidently apparently the development of natural resources, the exploitation of proposed methods by which the same or better results may be obtained at less cost, I.e., with the expenditure of less labour-all form the basis of un-

among vicious enterprises, will be found

every class of investment from that whose

success is certain to the most risky and

speculative; the risk depending upon the

amount and correctness of our knowledge.

Surely then, when our chance of personal

benefit is equal in the two cases, we will

choose that which is righteous rather than

that which is evil? Whether we are fated January 29, at Cheltenham, W.J. GRISSON to to rejoice over success or grieve at the downfall of our hopes, surely it will be better for our happiness to know that what we have attempted has done the world in which we live and which we must leave stained or brightened by our acts, some good in place HUNTER WOODWARD to the Rev. JOHN of evil?

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(and March.) Under the heading of "The Shadow of Coming Changes in China," the Investor's Review recently published a long and interesting article on the present condition of affairs in the Middle Kingdom. remarked that great changes are impending in the Chinese Empire, and proceeded to say: What they portend to the European trader cannot yet be guessed, but Chinese are more and more assuming attitude of independence, and the maxim "China for the Chinese" promises to bring about developments in native industries as well as an attitude, towards the foreign trader, the consequences of which it might be well to try to begin to estimate. The report of Sir Alexander Hosie, Acting Commercial Attaché of His Mijesty's Logation at Peking, on the trade of China for 1906, excites many thoughts, and stirs not a few questions well worth working at if difficult of solution. It is not investors in ulge in foolish speculative that Sir Alexander dwells upon political aspects of affairs; he concerns himself, on the in the matter of speculation, and even inside | contrary, altogether with commerce and material developments, but it is impossible to deal with these and not take cognizance of many facts or symptoms illustrative of an altered temper among the people. That it will be a long time before China is able to stand alone may be true, and that as China is opened up by railways, opportunities in the interior of the country may be increased to the foreign merchant may also be true. None the less is the present Government of China, imperial and provincial, bent upon asserting the self-sufficing independence of the country, in a manner bitherto unknown: Meanwhile, the utmost confusion exists in the Chinese coinage, and, as Sir Alexander losie points out, what is wanted is the establishment of a fixed relationship between yarlous coins, old and new now jostling each other and creating as state of things that now and then approaches paralysis. Nothing, however, of a uniform silver standard has yet been devised. " The foreign exchange," he adds, "is but hetterment, he really has wronged no other. Fone factor in the trade of the empire, The Unfortunately, however, the expression tael one speaks about so glibly is not a coin," making money has come to mean winning, nor is it uniform in weight, touch or value, or gaining money, without reference to the and in carrying on trade between one end distinction between making and transferring of China and the other as many, as ten or appropriating what previously existed in different exchange transactions may have the possession of another; such confusion to be effected." This confusion must inof good and evil acts under one description | crease the difficulty of the Central Governis utterly vicious. If I win a lottery prize ment in finding the money to meet the or if I pick the pockets of some hundred charges upon its foreign debt or for the neighbours, of a similar amount, there is a improvements and changes the new spirit wide distinction between-the justice of my demands. It may also do not a littleacts: for in one case I filch another's pro- to stimulate the great satraps around the perty with his consent, in the other case throne to get quit of the foreigner without; but n'either act is correctly des- by other means than those employed by cribed as "making money," and both are the Boxers. We have always said that equally pernicious so (ar as the world's | China has been abnominably used on more aggregate welfare is concerned: neither al. than one critical occasion by the European ters the community's joint assets, while both | Powers, and most of all in the financial buruselessly expend time and labour which dens placed upon her people after the otherwise directed would have benefited Boxer rising. Every year for many years to humanity at large. There is no moral come the Peking Government alone, on one difference between a lottery and a large account or another, has to transmit more number of commercial speculations. In all than £5;000,000 sterling to the foreign buying and selling, unless the profit ob- creditors, and for the greater part of thistained does not exceed the value of service | money the people get no equivalent of any rendered in collection, carriage, distribu- kind. They are drained by means of their tion or some such equivalent, money is not | confused and debased currency to an extent

> - SIR KOBERT HART'S RETIREMENT.

grow much faster than it ever has done.

The country only requires to be opened up

by railways and to be endowed with a stable

and genuine currency that might ease the

strain of debts, and it should forge ahead in

a manner calculated to startle us all.

(3rd March.) The fact that Sir Robert Hart, Bart., has received leave of absence for two years from his duties as Inspector-General of Chinese Imperial Muritime Customs must be taken as synunymous with his resignation, observes the L. &- C. Express. Our London contemporary, prospective leave of absence, which has since been reduced to one instead of two years, by the Empress Dowager, remarks: It is a very great milestone that we thus pass in the history of the foreign relations of China. Sir Robert is now veventy-three years of age, and it is unlikely that he will return to the scene of his long labours in Peking. Apart from his connection with the British Consular service in thing from 1854 to 1858, he has served the Chinese Government for just on half a cencurv, during which time he has only twice-in 1865 and in 1878—been on comparatively short leave. It would be quite impossible, short of reveral columns of this issue, to note some only of the many services that Sir Robert has repdered the Chinese Government on innumerable ccasions. Suffice to say that long after he has quitted the scene of his labours the name of HA Tajen will long be familiar to the "fficial world of China." No other European in latance, it must be assumed that proposals by the Chinese. His counsel has saved them. from many a blunder, or partially retrieved them from a false step. By a delicate and judicious, manipulation of the questions before him Sir cobeit was able, by native survity and adaptability, to overcome nearly

to withstand the impatience of many who, rightly perceiving that the time had come when China knust enter into the comity of nations and adopt a career of progress, lorget that so gigantic a change must be a work of time, and could only be brought about by slow degrees. We used not say more than that he has had much to do with making history in China; his success and the confidence he enjoyed were due to the qualities he displayed and the entire disinterestedness of the advice he invariably gave the Chinese. ....is long service has been contemporaneous with the rigime of the Empress-Downger. We have also had reparts of her resignation of active work, but with the succession still unsettled her Majesty may not carry out what was announced as her intention to resign at the forthcoming New Year, That the Chinese have appreciated his services has been amply shown by honouls and distinctions they have bustowed on him, by his appointment as a guardian to the Heir, Appared which person is yet waiting appointment), and by ennobling his ancestors for three generations, which is a singularly distinguished conferment. Sir Robert is said to have been the recipient of more decorations and titles by different foreign Governments than has ever been bestowed on any person outside the ranks of royalty. He rendered services not only to the country of his practical adoption, and to his own country, but to practically every foreign nation that had relations with the Chinese. Though the advice he gave the Chinese may not have been in all ways palatable to the authorities, they were aware that it was genuinely disinterested, and not tendered with any ulterior motive. Report says that he never offered advice, but only gave it in response to a request; that is, in matters outside his own department. "I hat his sympathies were largely; with the Chinese is abundantly evident from the remarkable series of articles he wrote after he had undergone the dangers and discominits of the siege of the Legations in 1900. He was an indulgent critic, and "These from the land of Sinim." were. apologeticof the Chinese attitude and thoughts. His departure from Peking creates a void notlonly in the Customs, but lin the political and social worlds of that strange capital: As regards the great and important office that has grawa under his auspices, we may say that in the interests of Chin and the world at large we attach the utmost importance to the continuance and preservation of the Inspectorate-General in its integrity as a. Chanese Government Service with its cosmopolitan personnel in accordance with the British Treaty 1658, by which tit was constituted. One word more: During his long residence, Sir Robert has kept' diary. Is it too much to hope that his well earned rest may be devoted to preparing it for, the appreciation of the public?

SHANGHAL AFFAIRS.

(4th March.)

Mr. W., V. Drummond, the well-known lawyer of Shanghai, has addressed a letter to the China Gazette, on the subject of the forthcoming meeting of the ratepayers in the Northern Settlement. One important question, which has been brought under the notice of the ratepayers and which is not without special interest to Hongkong, is the opium question. In Mr. Drummond's kin. opinion, however, there is one of much greater importance to the community to beconsidered, viz., the increase to be made in the Police force. The valuable report made by the Police Inquiry Committee showed the necessity of dealing with this question very seriously and prompily, and the large number 100 kin. of crimes of violence that are being constantly committed confirms the feeling that this matter must be dealt with in a decisive manner at the approaching meeting. A former Council proposed to establish a fighting army of Indians to meet emergencies which arise in crease. Java sugar to the value of about Shanghai about once in ten years, and in 1,\$2,000 was expected to arrive at Yokohama on fact not quite so often, as the three riots of the 25th or 26th uit., and the Dutch steamer the Ningpo Joss house, the Wheelbarrow "Tjipanas," with a full cargo of the second riot and the 1905 riot are all that have occur- quality sugar, was expected to arrive in Kobe red during the past 35 years, and all of these on or about the 27th idem. The Governcould have been put down in an hour if they | ment felt that in view of these facts, if the had been judiciously and firmly met. What | new rate of tax were not imposed immediatethat burglaries, robberies, murders and assaults should be stopped, and the men who the other hand, seeing the possibility of the do by far the most valuable work in this practically infinite, it should continue to connection are the European Police. Mr. Drummond urges that the Council's proposals should be placed before the ratepayers at least a fortnight before the date of the meeting. It must be remembered that it is not only what is in the annual report 't'and budget that is important, but it is often the omission of what should be in the report that gives rise to specia! anxiety in the minds of those who have been resident in Shanghai throughout the year and who know something of what has beengoing on, and the real needs of the place. The annual report is an imposing publication containing several hundreds of pages of more or less interesting information, but, by | a profit of about Y1;000,000. The company itself, it is quite insufficient to prove whether | intends to try and capture the market in Municipal work has been well or ill done China, but the Japan Chronicle doubts its devoting a leading article on Sir Robert's throughout the year and whether the ability to do so, notwithstanding rebates, in Council proposals for the coming year are | face of the general rise in the price of labour wise, or otherwise. It is to be hoped, that and commodities in Japan. Meanwhile it is there will be no attempts at the next meeting. to stiff the use of arguments directly pertinent to the subject under discussion. This was done in a glaring manner at the last meeting, and produced a result the exact opposite of that desired by those who made them. We are told that the strong expression of opinion at the last meeting has pro- makes some pertinent observations which duced a great reformation in regard to the should merit the special notice of the Cominformation afforded to the public week by mittee of the Hongkong General Chamweek, and, if the Municipal Gasette, con-

record of great value. But here again it is

under consideration for a long time past;

and that a careful report, with recommendal

perfunctory manner, in the report. If this should be so the ratepayers will have to deal with such a serious matter practically at a moment's notice after the chairman's speech or in the few days after the publication of the report, or the resolutions to be proposed by the Council.

SUGARS.

(5th March.) -When-the-"Combine" rage was in full progress, eighteen months ago, in Japan, will be recalled "that Baron Shibusawa, Japan's greatest financier, publicly declared at the sugar cultivation and refining were to be regarded in the light of a national industry. And how strengously the Government and people of Japan have worked together to give effect to the protection of that industry, any one who has followed closely the course of commercial events in Japan cannot fail to have perceived. Not only in the cultivation of the sugar can has the paternal Government of Japan shown a fostering care towards the agriculturists of the insular possessions of the Mikado, but protection has also been extended by indirect bounties to the su/ar-refining companies operating in Japan. While the Japanese Government are quite within their rights to extend bounties in favour of home industries, nothing can be said when such favours do not operate against foreign interests protected under Treaty stipulations. It is to be feared that in their most recentlegislative enactment in the abnormal increase of the sugar consumption-tax the House of Peers in Tokio has not acted in conformity with Treaty obligations with the result that the undisguised competition against a staple industry of Hongkong on the part of the Japanese has been stimulated in favour of the home industry with artificial difficulties created against the Hongkong sugar refining companies. From a report appearing in the Japan Chronicle, the Will for the amendment of the Sugar Consumption-tax, increasing the excise upon it, was passed by the House of Peers on 22rd ult, and on the same evening was immediately promulgated as a law, which therefore is already in force. The new law is as follows:-

"The Sugar Consumption tax Law shall be amended so that YI in Article I'll, of the principal law shall be increased to Y3; Y1.60 shall be increased to Y5.50: Y2.20 shall be increased to Yo.50; and Ya.80 shall be increased to Y10. "Supplementary Regulation,-This law

goes into effect from the date or its promulgation and the provisions relating to the Sugar Consumption-tax in the Emergency tope int Tax (War Tax) Law are hereby abroughted." The rates of the Sugar Consumption-tax as provided for in Article III. of the law referred

to, promulgated on March 30th, 1901, are as. First quality sugar under No. 8 in colour of

corour of Dutch standard, -Y'1.60 per 100 kin.

Third quality, between Nos. 15 and 20 in colour of Dutch standard, and syrup-Y2.20 per Fourth quality, exceeding No. 20 in colour of Dutch standard, and sugar candy,-Y2.80 per The object of the Government in promulgating this law in such haste is to check the heavy importation of sugar in anticipation of the increase of the tax, the amount of sugar landed having recently shown a marked ins needed, in the opinion of the writer, is 1 ly, the increased revenue from this source would fall heavily below the estimate. On Bill passing through the House of Peers; the sugar refineries have shown great, activity of late. For instance, the Tokyo, Osaka, and Moji factories of the Japan Sugar Refining Company have been working day and night of late, and just before the amendments were promulgated the company deposited with the Government bonds to the value of Y2,000,000 for the purpose of carrying out the examination of sugar in stock. -By this. means the sugar will not be subject to the tax. On the Shanghai market Hongkong sugar has risen in price by '15 tael cents, and the Japan Sugar Refining Co. has made a. contract for the sale of about 600,000 bags for China, which it is estimated will bring in said that the company's factories will be closed down for a month or two, in consequence of the large stocks now held by virtue of the to insist upon the strict letter of the law, but also night and day work to avoid the new taxation. Commenting on the Sugar-tax Consumption Law in reference to the Treaties, our well-informed Kobe contemporary. ber of Commerce. It observes that of the Hongkong Government, and it is finues to improve, it will soon become a the action of the authorities raises an in- legitimate to conclude that the representateresting point affecting the Treaties. By what is omitted that is often of much more | the Protocol to the Anglo-Japanese Treaty importance than what is stated. For in- of 1904 it is provided that "if Japan think it necessary at any time to levy an additional modern times has been trusted in like degree for strengthening the Police must have been duty on the production or manufacture of page. The number of the companies registered refined sugar in Japan, an increased Customs duty equivalent in amount may be tions, must have been received from the levied on British refined sugar when import-

shall in this respect be entitled to treatment accorded to refined sugar being the produce. or the manufacture of the most favoured nation." Now it is clear that under this provision of the Protocol to the Anglo-Japanese Treaty the Japanese Government would be at liberty to increase the Customs Tariff on sugar concurrently with the increase of the excise. But by the Protocol to the German-Trenty, subsequently signed, Japan undertook to give six months' notice of any increase in Customs duties, and the advantaage of this modification is enjoyed by all the Powers under the most-favoured-nation clause. It will perhaps be claimed that this Article does not come into force because no increase has been made in the Customs tariff on sugar imported into Japan. But, as every merchant is aware, the excise must be paid on all imported augar before it can be pass through the Customs. If, therefore, the new rates of excise are to be imposed on all imports from the date of promulgation of the new law, the provision as to six months' notice of any change in the Statutory Tariff becomes a dead letter. Indeed, it would only be necessary for Japan to levy an excise upon all the goods which are now subject to the Conventional or Statutory Tariff in order to render wholly nugatory in all cases. the provision as to six months' notice. A tax which is levied by the Customs anthorities at the port of entry is to all intents and purposes an import duty and should be subject to the regulations of the Protocols regarding import tariffs. The question as to whether the importer should pay the tax or the actual purchaser of the goods came up ... for discussion some years ago when the excise on sugar was first instituted, and some firms paid under protest, but though the matter was taken up by the Chambers of ommerce, no redress was obtained. On that occasion, however, notice of operation of the excise was given. On this occasion there is no notice, the measure coming into force on the same day that it was passed by the liet. Now the object of the provision in the German Protocol that six months' notice should be given of any change in the tariff was to prevent importers who had made contracts for goods at a fixed rate, including duties, being subjected to heavy loss, by, a sudden increase: in the Customs. Such loss will certainly occur in the case of the sugar on its. way to Japan before the 23rd February if a price including duty had been fixed; but whether that has been the case or not; it is clear that the excise. cannot until six months has elspsed be enforced on cargoes entering Japan if the spirit of the German Protocol is to be observed. The very heavy increase in the excise on refined sugar, amounting in some cases to a fivefold increase, is evidently with the object of protecting the Japanese refineries as well jutch standard, and molasses, -YI per 100 as obtaining additional revenue. The crude article is to be admitted at a low duty, Second quality, between Nos. 8 and 15 in refined in Japan, and an endeavour made to capture the markets of China and the Far Rast generally as well as monopolise the home market,

THE AMENDED COMPANY LAW.

The recent. Ordinance passed by the Legis-

lative Council of Hongkoog, at the initiation of influential representatives of British firms and Corporations in Shanghai, to amend the Companies Ordinance in respect to "Local Registers," appears to have been received with satisfaction at the Northern Port, if the commendation accorded to the amended law by the senior paper there is a criterion of public feeling, in the matter. The N. C. D. News notes the passing of the new law in a leading article, and says:-" Registered under the Hongkong Ordinances" is a sufficiently familiar title in local business to justify detailed reference to the amendments recently brought into force in Hongkong to the Companies Ordinance, 1865, which has hitherto formed the basis of company registration in the Far East, In the absence of any machinery for the registration of companies with limited liability: the practice adonted in the early days of Shanghai was for undertakings of this nature to carry on business under the provisions of Deeds of Bettlement. Gradually, however, advantage was taken of the Ordinance passed by the Hongkong Government in 1865 enabling companies to be registered as Limited Liability Companies in that Colony, and within the last fifteen years the transference from amenability to Deeds of Settlement to the Jurisdiction of Hongkong has been rendered complete. Accordingly, companies carrying on their business entirely outside Hongkong and having no property of any kind in the Colony, as well as companies whose whole business is carried out within the Colony, are liab'e to the 1865 Ordinance and Amending Ordinances. which have hitherto made no distinction. between the two classes. Under the provisions of these Ordinances each company must have its registered office within the Colony and must keep at that office its register of shareholders. The latter clause has been more honoured in the breach than in the observance : but the appointment of a new Registrar ate Hongkong brought with it an attempt not only, to add to the Colony's revenue by levying duties: on all transfers and by claiming probate duty. on shares even when the whole estate of the. deceased shareholder was entirely unconnected: with Hongkong. It will be remembered that on February 7 of last year an influential meeting. of representatives of British Companies in Shanghai was hold to consider the proposala tions that were the outcome of the action then takenfied to the final settlement of the whole question, as embodied in the new Law known as the Companies (Local Registers) Ordinance. 1907, the full text of which, appears on another under the Hongkong Ordinances but having their head office away from Hongkong has now attained formidable proportions, while their capital must aggregate over Tis. 32,000,000. new Captain Superintendent, yet not a word ed into Japan, so long as such additional little befitting, therefore, that due consideration has been allowed to transpire, and it is pus- tax or exciso duty continues to be raised. should be shown to such interests, and all obstacles and to make himself as trusted by "siblo that the matter will be dealt within a Provided always that British refined spigar we may beloome the appearance of a

new Ordinanco, devoted, exclusively, to these companies. In general it follows the lines of the Companies (Colonial Registers) Act 1883. The Governor-in-Council is empowered to relieve a company from the necessity of keeping its register at the registered office. In Hongkong, which has to be supplied only with a kopy of every entry in its register or registers "as soon as conveniently may be after such entry is made." In return for the protection of British Lawshowever, an annual fee at the rate of four cents for every hundred dollars of its paid up capital will be levied from each company. All transfers of shares not executed within the Colony of Hongkong are to be exempt from stamp duty; while the share or other interest of a deceased member registered in a local (away from Hongkong) register will not be liable to probate, duty in the Colony. It will thus be seen that a satisfactory compromise has been affected; companies not domiciled in Hongkong, but enjoying in some measure the protection of its law, make an annual contribution in the form of a licence fee to the revenue of the Colonial Government nd are freed from vexitinus exactions which would press unduly upon corporations and individuals. The representatives of British firms in Shanghai may be congratelated upon the ready way in which the Hangkong authorities have met their wishes, and ht the same time It will not be forgoten that they are indebted to the Committee bithe China Association for having prepared the ground for the influential meeting of twelve months ago.

#### Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

SHANGHAI TRAMWAYS.

EXPERIMENTAL TRIALS-MADE.

FULL SERVICE IN OPERATION ON WEDNESDAY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Shanghai, 2nd March,

.4.10 p.m. The new system of tramways was

given an experimental trial on the Bubbling Well Road this afternoon and along the Bund.

It is considered probable that the tramway service will be in full operation on Wednesday.

A HITCH.

QUESTION OF SECOND CLASS FARES,

[From Our' Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 3rd March, .2.50 p.m.

There has been a hitch between the Electric Tramways Co. and the Shanghai Municipal Council regard. ing the question of second-class fares.

A meeting has been called for today at which the question will be submitted for discussion.

OPENING POSTPONED. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 4th March, 3.35 p.m.

The official opening of the electric tramways will probably be postponed until Monday next, in consequence of the hitch with - the Municipal Council regarding the second class

HITCH TEMPORARILY OVERCOME

CARS STARTED TO-DAY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] .

Shanghai, 5th March, 2.25 p.m.

The hitch between the Tramways Co. and the Municipal Council has been temporarily overcome.

The trams started running to-day

SHANGHAI TAOTAI LIANG

PROMOTED TO A JUNIOR COUNCILLORSHIP.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Shanghai, 3rd March, 2.50 a.m.

Mr. Liang, the Shanghai Taotai, has been appointed a junior Councillor to the Waiwupu.

LAST NIGHT'S BLOW.

SAMPANS REPORTED SUNK.

The squall which passed over the island last night was not altogether unexpected. Yesterday dawned dark and misty and close, heavy for settled down upon the harbour from early morning making transportation in and Sir Henry Berkeley pointed out that many around these waters somewhat dangerous, and as if to cheer us up a nasty drivale continued to fall all day. A more dreary day could not be wished for. In the afternoon the Director of . Mr. Slade thought as also. What the defence the marcury was showing a tendency to fall, and | dismissed. They have thousands of cases of that we were to expect strong wlods. The this water in stock and in order to save the prediction came true. Just as people were cases from being damaged while being removlight the wind had died away, but there was | was to get the summons dismissed and then to | Regt, will attend, no change in the dreatiness. As the result of get rid of the stuff. southern fairway. Two sampans, it was stated, an officer was watching the premises. turned turtle at West Point, while the Water Police have, recovered this morning eighteen | said be would not press the objection; and a bales of matting drifting in the central fairway matting has foundered. We have not heard of Any Joss of life, ....

#### WATER TRADE-FLORIDA MARKS.

ALLEGED FORGERY OF LABRIS. BIR HENRY DERKELEY'S OBJECTIONS.

The first of a series of trade-marks prosecutions which are likely to follow shortly was opened at the Magistracy, this afternoon, before the first police magistrate-Mr. H. H. Competiz. The complainant in the action was Mr. A. W. Lamperski, of Messrs. Melchers and Company, and the defendant, the proprietors of the Kwoog: Sang firm, of 246, Des: Vocux Road Central. They were accused of selling and keeping for sale bottles of perfume, which bore false labels.

Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. H. V. Deacon, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon appeared for the prosecution. Sir Henry Berkeley, K C., instructed by Mr. H. K. Holmes, represented the defendant firm.

When the case was called the defendants did not appear. This fact was brought, to the attention of-Sir-Henry-Berkeley, who, said : "Call the case and prove service of summons, and I will have an objection to make."

Detective Sergeant Watt stepped into the witness-box and spoke to serving the summons on the master of the defendant firm, at 246, Des Vœux Road-the godown of the Kwong Sang firm. The man gave his name as Leung Lum, and said he was the master.

Mr. Slade - As there is no appearance of the defendant I ask for a warrant for his arrest. Sir Henry-I take objection to the point-

Sir Henry-Yes, under protest, His Worship-Under protest?

Mr. Slade-No man can appear in Court without stating for whom he is appearing. Sir Henry-Yes, I can. I can show authori-

His Worship-1 would like to see them.

Mr. Slade-I object. Mr Henry Berkeley said that the summon was invalid and could not be directed to any person. There was no name mentioned on the summons-only the words "masters of the

Kwong Sang. " Mr. Slade-Unless my friend states for whom he is appearing your Worship cannot

Sir Henry-I appear, for the masters of the Kwong Sang firm to make an objection. His Worship-You say you are appearing

for the masters of the defendant firm. Sir Henry-Under protest. His objection, he said, was that the summons was invalid because it was addressed to no person by name, but merely to, the "masters." The Court had no jurisdiction to bear a complaint on a summons thus directed, inasmuch as the Magistrate's Ordinance, 3 of 1890, Section to, Subsections I and 2, required that a summons should be directed to the person against whom the complaint was made, and should be served personally/on such person or left for him at his last known place of abode; and inasmuch as there was no provision in the Merchandise Marks Ordinance under which this specific complaint was made it authorises a departure from the requirements of the Magistrate's Ordinance already mentioned. It was not enough, be pursued, to address a summons to s person by title, or to the owner of premises, or to the "masters" of the Kwong Sang/firm. It was not enough. For instance, if a complaint | R.O.A. will attend. was made against one John Brown, a publican, the summons could not be addressed to " the master of a public house." In some offences, he admitted, it could be done. The Court had no furisdiction to entertain such a summons.

Mr. Slade-There is a difficulty; we cannot

There was no difficulty to get the name of the

master of the shop. It could always be

get the name. Sir. Henry-There is the register.

Mr. Slade - Surely you ought to know tha there is no register of firms in the Colony. Sir Henry directed Mr. Slade to the Registrar-General's Office. There he would find the Kwong Sang firm registered. It was not for the defence to assist them to find out the name of the master of the Kwong Sang firm. His objection was a technical and legal one. A summons could not be issued to, say, the proprietor of the "Green Man Hotel," unless the particular ordinance under which proceedlings were taken justified it. He caked the Court to dismiss the summons, It could then be served again in proper form and then he

would be in a position to meet it. Mr. Slade maintained that the service of the summons was proper. . A summons, he sai could be served on a man personally or beleft at his last known place of residence. A name was not the only means of describing a person. The Chinese have many names, in list nearly every Chinamae had three names, and he thought a description equally good. If there was any substance in the objection raised by his learned filend definite authorities would have been quoted, instead of the words of a learned judge in a case which he had not decided. It was misleading to quote words of a judge on a point which he did not have in

His Worship—Can I issue a warrant now? Mr. Slade-Yes, we have already got the

name from the police. His Worship.-When the application for the summons was made I pointed cout to the solicitors the absence of any names.

Sir Henry-The solicitor took his own risks. His Worship (continuing) said that he gave instructions to get the name. If the man had come up it would have been all right, but if he. did not, as in many other cases, the police were sent down to get the necessary particulars. Mr. Slade-I would ask for the summons to be amended.

Sir Henry-You can't. lie Worship-It has already been served,

Mr. Slade. Sir Henry said that it was not a crimboal

action. The proper course that should have been taken would be to get an injunction. These prosecutions were not the proper thing. Mr. Flade said it. was a most fragrant casea most shameful case of fraud.

firms in the Colony sold this scent. His Worship-I am of opinion that the sum-

mone is bad. the Observatory, in his bulletin, announced that | wanted, he said, was for the summons to be getting through their first sleep the wind ad to the Police Court they have given an sprang up and howled down the streets to the undertaking and a deposit of \$1,000 rather, accompaniment of the familiar noise made by than have the goods removed from their doors and windows left unfestened. By day- shop to the Court. Mr. Slade sald the scheme

fast night's blow the Canton steamer Kipong | This statement he later contradicted when Sai is reported to have lost her, anchor, in the he was told by Detective Sergeant Watt that

After further discussion, Sir Henry Berkeley | range. fow seconds waived the objection altogether. It is believed that the cargo-boat carrying the The summons was then amended, at d.Sir shoot of the above Half Company will take Henry assisted matters by glying the names of place at Tal Hang Range on Sunday, the Sth. report, but they are investigating the matters by glying the names of place at Tal Hang Range on Sunday, the Sth. report, but they are investigating the matters by glying the names of place at Tal Hang Range on Sunday, the Sth. report, but they are investigating the matters by glying the name being on Mari Kellel, Tanaka Selfu, and Samuel the mesters of the defendant firm Thay were:

Laung Chak Chau, Fun Fook Tim, and Lam Mr. Slade-We will have the other-Leung Lum-the man on whom the summons was

Sir Henry-You will ha, e, no other: Mr. Slade then outlined the particulars of the case. He said than the complainants were agents for Lanman and Kemp, manufacturers of the Florida water, and proceeded at some length to narrate the difficulties ancountered by them to have their lab il registered some years back owing to the presence of other kinds of such scent in the Colony closely resembling theirs. Eventually they were registered and this case was brought. The trade-mark of Lanman and Kamp's water was of a floral design with men and women, birds and flowers in the background and in the centre the words "Florid" Water. There was also a black and white label round the neck of the bottle. The words "Florida 'Water' were the essential postion of

His Worship asked if there was any objection as when he was acting as Attorney-General he had seen some of the correspondence.

Mr. Slade-No. In November last, he went on, the complainant became aware that the defendant firm was selling a scent in bottles very like their own and calling it "Florida witer." His client wrote to them about the matter and the defendants had the audicity to reply that they had a right to sell the stuff. At the time, Mr. Slade explained, Lanman and Kemp's trademark had not been registered in the Colony and nothing could be done. But as soon as it was these proceedings were taken. His Worship-Am I to deal with the matter summarily?

Mr. Slade-Yes. Sir Henry (to the Court)-In order to save His Worship-You appear for the defendant you from a pitfall you will have to consult me,

Sir Henry-You must give me warning.

His Worship-Yes,

Mr. Slade (to Sir Henry)-Do you want the case to to before a jury?-Yas, Florida water, Mr. Slade proceeded, is a geographical description. The manufacturers had been using this mark prior to 1876, and the defendant's mark was in shape and style the same, only that in their mark certain figures were deleted, and when the bottles were placed side by side the difference was obvious, but, nevertheless, it was a direct infringement of

the complainant's mark. The case was still proceeding when our re-

VOLUNTERE CORPS ORDERS.

ALL UNITS.

presentative left.

Parade,- 't headquarters at 5.30 p.m./on Monday, the 9th instant, for infantry drill. Sergt. Downer, 3rd Middlerex Regt., wil attend.

ARTILLERY UNITS.

Parade. At headquarters at 5.30 pm. or Tuesday, the 10th instant, for 15 pdr. B.L. gun drill. Sergt. Bassford, R.G.A., will attend. Parade:-At headquaiters at 5.30 p.m. or Wednesday, the rith instant, for 15 pdr. B.L. gun drill. Sergt, Cock, R.G.A., will attend. Parade,-At headquarters at 5.50 p.m. or Friday, the 13th instant, for 15 pdr. B.L. gun drill. Sergt. Bassford, R.G.A., will attend

ENGINEER COMPANY. Parade. - At West Fort, Kowloon, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the 11th instant, for technical instructions.

TAIKOO DETACHMENT. . Parade,-At Taikoo, at 5.30 p.m. on Thurs day, the 12th instant, for gun drill. Sergt. Cook,

GASCOIGNE SHIELD COMPETITION. " The following is the result of the Gascoigne Shield Competition held at Tai Hang Range on Saturday, the 29th February, 1908s ... 1st ...... Right & No. 2 Company ... 268 points, and ... Left No. 1 Company ... 207 . " 3rd ... Left . 1-No. 2 Company ... 193

4th ....Right No. 1 Company ... 156 GUN PRACTICE. 15 pdr. B.L. gun practice will be carried out from Stonecutters' north shore gun emplacement on Saturday, March 14th:

Parade at Blake Pier at 2, 15 p.m. Dress :- Khaki . uniform, helmet without

badge, black boots and puttigs. Note:-Any member who has, not attended gun practice during the present drill season must attend this practice as otherwise he will fail to make himself efficient: ..

ANNUAL INSPECTION. The annual inspection by His Excellency the Gaueral Officer Commanding the Troops South China, will take place on the Pol Ground on Saturday, March 27st. Dress marching order. Further orders will be issued next week.

Officers Commanding Companies should endeavour to hold a parade of the whole of their company on some evening Lefore date of inspection for purpose of fitting marching order equipment. The infantry instructor will attend if notice is given of date and hour of parade.

Mr. G. H. Elliot joined the Corps on the 19th February, 1908, assigned Corps No. 10 2 and posted to the Left | No. t Company. Mr. H. E. Edwards joined the Corps on the 24th February, 1908, assigned Co ps No. 101

and posted to the Left & No. 1 Company. Mr. R. Hope joined the Carps on the 24th February, 1908, assigned Corps No. 1014 and posted to the Left | No. 1 Company. Mr. L.R. Crolius joined the Corps on the News 24th Fabruary, 1908, assigned Corps No. 1015.

and posted to the Left & No, t Company. RESIGNED. Gunner A. Broadbent is permitted to resign with effect from the 25th February 1908. Gunner T. Seggie is permitted to resign

with effect from the 25th February, 19:8. 2/Lieut, F. O. Reynolds is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony with effect from the 26th Pebruary, 1908; LEFT HALF NO. I COMPANY. Owing to members not receiving notices of 'shoots'at the commencement of the season, the

Shooting Committee have decided to alter the conditions for the Lammert Cup, A and B class as follows !--Seven shoots and five to count instead of

five shoots and five to count. Four shoots have taken place and the remaining three will be held on the and Sundays.

in March, April and May. . The fifth shoot for the Lammert Cap will take place at the Tal Hang Range on Sunday, a chopper, so the woman said, seized hold Sth March, commencing 9 30 a.m.

ORDERLY OFFICER. For week anding Saturday, 14th March, Lient. M. S. Northcote.

will be carried out by all units on Sunday, the | came, and disappeared in the darkeess. 8th lostant, at King's Park Range from 9 a.m. until g p.m. Sergt, Downes, 3rd Middlesex

Any member who has not yet completed his musketry should do so on this date. Engineer Company commences at 9 a.m., Artillary Units. at to a,m. Ammynition will be provided at

RIGHT HALF NO. I COMPANY. It is notified for Information that the next WUCHOW NOTES.

rice export prohibition.

Wuchow, 4th March, 1908. The rice crop, which was un unusually good one in this district, had been harvested and the farmers having a big surplus petitioned the Wuchow Taotal for permission to expert their stocks to Canton Fatshan, etc. The ban of prohibition, of the export of rice, had been mposed, for some minthey and the larmers finding themselves with big stocks on hand asked the officials to remove the prohibition, so that they could realize some money from the output of their fields. The Taolal was very loth to grant the necessary permission, with the result that the farmers got impatient loaded up some hundred junks with rice in bulk, and anchored the whole flotilla in the shipping fairway, outside the Customs pontoon. The fleet of rice junks soon became a nuisance and a menace to the remainder of the shipping and to relieve this, the Taotai granted permi-sion for the boats already loaded to be passed through the Customs. One of the gentry, a man named Chow, telegraphed to Chang Ning Chi, the Governor of the province at Kwei-Ling asking that the prohibition be enforced in case of a famine and urging upon the Governor the necessity of keeping a quantity of grain in the province for grangry purposes. The Governor countermanded the Tabla permission, and the bonts with their cargots were again detained. The farmers and junk men getting wind of the action of Mr. Chow, proceeded to this man's house, in the City where a lemonstration of objection was made Things looked ugly for a spell and there was a grave danger of a riot ensuing, but wiser counsels prevailed and the junkmen returned to their boats.

The farmers next proceeded to lay before the gentry the hardships they would have to endure if they were refused the right o marketing their produce, alleging that, if the officials refuse to allow them to export their crops that the officials should purchase their vield of grain at current rates and relieve them of financial difficulty. It was also laid before the centry that, in the event of a famine, rice could be imported from Hongkong ex steamers and landed here within 24 hours, as large stocks of Saigon rice were obtainable at Hongkong at any time. The gentry considered the matter and eventually, represented matters to the Governor, who in turn 'gaye permission for five million cattles to be exported. This has been done and the fleet of junks sailed to their respective destinations yesterday.

The Kwangse Duily News, a local publication, published in its issue of the and insta that negotiations were proceeding between the proposed Chinese Steamship Co. and the Wo Shun Steamship Co. for the purchase by the former of the latter's fleet of 3 West River steamers. The figure given, as the amount of purchase money, is \$160,000. It is further said that in the event of the above deal falling through that the new Steamship Company will endeavour to charter the Wo Shun Company's

on the West River.

Local opinion is distinctly pessimistic as regards the realization of either scheme. Mesars, Banker & Co. are in course of building locally the hull of a new motor-boat for the increase of their Wuchow-Nanning trade The hull will be of 3" Chinese pine with Gardner motor engine, capable of driving the new vessel at an average speed of to knots per hour. This increase of tonnage on the Nancing run will be most welcome, the present regular service by the "Tien Kong" being inadequate to the demands of this trade.

NANNING CUSTOMS CHANGES. Mr. E. Von Stranch, Commissioner of Cus toms, Nanning, goes home on furlough for a year from the 1st April. Mr. T. D. Moorhead Deputy Commissioner at Canton, has been appointed Acting Commissioner of Customs Nanning, to relieve Mr. Von Stranch.

SHANGHALNANKING RAILWAY

OPENING OF THE CHINKIAND TUNNEL.

On February 20, 1938, the Chinking tunnel was opened for the passage of trains. This tunnel, which is just over a quarter of a mile long, was begun on September 1, 1905 when the foundation stone was laid by H. E. Quok Taochi, Taotai of Chinking, It has, therefore, taken two years and five months to build. It is built partly through the Loass form ation, but through sandstone for the greater portion. The faces of the tunnel are built of concrete, while the interior is all lined with

brickwork laid in cement. It is satisfactory to note that, during the whole progress of the work, there had not been a single workman killed inside the tunnel This immunity from fatal accident speaks Well of the care taken of the Chinese workinen, who were entirely new to this class of work and to

what was required of them. Reyard Chinking to Napking, a distance of forty four miles, the earthworks and bridges are already finished. Rails are laid to within four miles of Nanking and it is hoped that the line will be open to traffic early in April. The lourney from Shanghai to Nankin should then occupy only seven hours and a half,-N. C. D.

> STRANGE STURY FROM JAI HANG.

REPORT OF AN ARMED ROBBERY DOUBTE BY POLICE.

What is believed to be one of the most dating tobbeties that have occured in the east ern district for some time past-if the report be true-was that which was reported to have occurred in the busy little village of Tai Hang,

near Causeway Bay, parly this morning, Two men, the Wanchai police were inform, ed, gained admittance to the first floor of No. 16. George S'reet, at about half-past one o'clock this morning, by climbing up a pole outside house lives a woman with her two children,

She handed them \$40 in cash, a bangle which some other property, which was valued at \$221. ernment. It is notified for information that musketry. Then the robbers left by the same way they

neveribolett,

THE "TATEU MARU" CASE. THREATENED BOYCJIT OF JAPANESE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 29th February, 1908. With reference to the arrest of the Japanese steamer Totes, Mars. No. 2, by the Chinese provincial authorities, so far no settlement has yet been arrived at by the parties concerned. It is reported, among well-informed Chinese, that, should the case not result satisfactorily from the Chinese point of view, there are agitators among the masses who will attempt to stir up public feeling with a view of boycotting Japanese manufactures.

> COLLECTING EVIDENCE: CARGO-BOAT MASTER EXAMINED.

Canton, 3rd March. The Cabion Provincial Authorities have been looking for further evidence in the case of the alleged smuggling of arms and ammunition by the as. Tatis Mars and have despatched the Chicase gunboat Les Chun to hunt up any of the cargo boats that were found lying-glongside the [apanese-vessel-when-she was arrested. One of these cargo boats has been traced in Kongmoon and was brought to Canton yesterday. The master of the boat has been minutely examined by Acting Admiral Li Chun, and he gave every particular concerning the movement of his boat and his connection with the case, Admiral Li has decided to detain the cargo-boat and the

master pending further investigations. It is reported that H.E. the Viceroy was much approved on the receipt of communica tions from the Japanese Consul in connection with the Talsu Maru No. 2 case, written in the Japanese language instead of in Chinese. H.E. has accordingly reported the fact to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Peking and requested the Waiwupu to make representations to the Japanese Minister at Peking on the

CAPTAIN'S ACCOUNT OF HER SHIZURE. The following is the outline of a letter from Mr. Terumine, captain of Tatsu Muru, addretsed to the latsuma firm of Kobe, the owners of the ship, which gives a detailed account of the seizure of the ship by Chinese war

ships at M cao. The Tatin Maru arrived at Macao a little before noon on the 5th ulto. About half-past two in the afte noon a steam-boat of the Ataka firm, the owner of her cargo, with clerks on board came steaming toward the Tatsu Maru along with cargo boats when sud dealy four Chinese gunboats made their appearance and surrounded the steamer They only, allowed the clerk of the firm to go, on board the steamer but forbade others approaching the ship, Meanwhile a Chinese commander came on board and stated that though the steamer was in possession of the cortificate issued by the Portuguese authorities at Macao the Chinese Government was in formed that she was bound for Macao lader with a cargo of 134 cases of arms and ammuni boats, with which to the ugurate their service I tion, the consigned being Chinese and the commander had been ordered by the Taotai of Canton to stop the unloading of her cargo. A the same time two customs, officials and some 20 bluejackets boarded the steamer. The commander also, said that if the steamer was lying at anchor in Macso territorial waters he would not be in the capacity to make any objection whatever but as long as she was a auchor in Chinese territorial waters the ship had to obey the command of the Chinese au thorities. Now the Macao territorial waters are of limited extent and the depth very shall low, scarcely reaching two lathoms. So the steamer cast anchor at Mincab anchorage point

ed out in the chart, which, however, the Chi nese insisted to be Chinese territorial water The steamer having a draft of more than 23 ft and being laden to the full could not make for the shore any nearer beyond the present station which measured 4 fathoms. It was no less impossible for her to go in Macao territorial waters, only a fathoms in depth. Though the captain was desirous of negotiating with the consignee no steam boat would dare to approach the ship aparently for fear of the Chinese warships. There were more than ten passengers on board the steamer, who on account of the delayed arriva, were in want of or visions. They were anxious to make land for the pur I chase of provisions but the Chinese would not permit them to launch a bout and a they could do no hing in such circlimstances No objection whatever would be listened to by the Chinese and should the steamer dare to weigh anchor or disobey their command the Chinese threatened to send her to the bottom in an instant. Under the situation the captain 'came to the final conclusion to follow the Chi nese to anton. According to the comman der the Chinese authorities were notified from Koba prior to the departure of the Tuling Main that the steamer would unload those arms and ammunition at Macao which were to go to the hands of the native revolutionists through in Chinese merchant. It was surprising to note that the commander was informed of the particulars relating to the contract between th

consignee and the owner of the steamer. With regard to the seisure of the Daini Tatm Maru, says the Japon Mail, the officials of the Foreign Office in Tokyo are said to take th view that the steamer was not in any rway to blams and that the action of the Chinese was illegal. Therefore Mr. Uyeno, the Japanese Consul in Canton, has been instructed to lodge a strong protest at the Vicerovalty while, on the other Hand, HE, Mr. Haya shi in Peking has approached the Chinese Government. On the 17th ultimo the Vicerov at Canton made a proposal for a settlement but Mr. Uveno rejected it as quite unacceptable, and demanded that China should accept the responsibility and release the steamer. The programme of the Tokyo Government is first, to obtain the vessel's release, and subse quently to make a separate demand for the punishment of the officials who acted illegally and for compensation,

The Chinese authorities have refused accode to the repeated demands of the Japanese Government for the release of the Taleuthe building, smashing one of the window Maru. A Tokyo dispatch says that the Japanpanes, and forcing back the bolt. In this ese Government is, however, still pressing its adopted in one country as necessarily a standemands, and backing them up with evidence. The robbers, one of whom was armed with and the release of the vessel may be effected shortly. Negotiations for redress for ordering in Hongkong, there can be no doubt that It was of her, and, threatening her to keep silent, the lapanese flag to be lowered, a claim for their intention that Knullsh law should rule in they ordered her to p oduce her valuabler, punishment of the officers responsible for the regard to the matter of feet, &c. So far as has seigure and damages for the retention of the she were on her arm, her child's bracelet, and steamer, will be opened with the Peking Gov-

states that the Chung. Wat Jipao, a Chinese claimed, which has been fixed by the Heart When the police were notified of the affair, journal published in Shanghai, has an article on Inspector Courley and a few detectives search. | the Tatsu-mary matter, in which the Meson case | is justified; It is elso evident from Exhibit ed the house. They found that a quantity of of 1891 is quoted. In the course of its observan jewellery still remained in the house. In tions it says :- " Mason was discovered by the quiries were made of the residents on the Chingkiang Customs in an attempt to smuggle respondent is, therefore, bound to pay to the ground floor, and they stated that they did not arms and ammunition for the Kalachui revolu- appel ants the whole of the amount claimed. hear any unusual poise being made during the tionary organisation, and the arms were confis- The expert evidence of Mr. Byles, and other confispight. A description of the robbets was then estedand Marin was handed overto the Consulof evidence produced by the respondent for ble given to the officers by the woman, who is his country, whosen encedhim to imprisonment defence and not accepted, certain she can identify the men again. The for nine months. The Captain of the steamer board, was acquitted, and the aleamet was set ! Supling

leased. The Toles-mary undoubtedly obtained the permission of the Japanese authors ities to ship the arms, but had no authority from the Chicete authority for their importation, yet the steamer attempted to discharge the ammunition in Chinese waters at an unopen port. The Talen-mark is not a steamer on the regular run. "if it was the intention of the shipper of the arms to lawfally import them, he should have shipped them; by a regular steamer of the Nippon usen Kaisha or Osaka Shasen Kaisha A book published by an author calling him-'self ' Hakuro' Toten, last year, contains, the statement that the rebels in Kwanglung purchased arms from lapan, and the insurgents in Chingchow and Lingchow in Kwangtung have been found to be in possession of a large number of Japanese rifles. There are reasons to believe that the arms carried by the Talin Mary were intended to be supplied to the leaurgents."

The Chinese journal strongly urges the Chinese Government to do its utmost for the prevention of the smuggling into China of arms and other munitions of war.

PROPOSED STEAMBOAT CO.

APPRAL TO THE TUNG WA HOSPITAL

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 3rd March, 1908.

Messrs. Chan Wai-po, Chan Heung-lin, Wong Ching-po and Linng Wai-ting have been selected by the Canton Self-Government League at a meeting held yesterday at its headquarters to act as representatives to proceed to longkong to approach the directors of the Tung Wa Hospital for their assistance in aid of the proposed floating of a shipping company; to place steamers on the waterways of the

CHAIM FOR PROPESSIONAL SERVICES.

province. This deputation will leave for your

Colony in a few days' time.

JAPANESE AND FOREIGN COURTS. MESSRS. WILKINSON AND GRIST'S SUCCESSFUL.

In the text of judgment delivered by the Osaka Appeal Court in the suit Wilkinson and Grist ag inst Wilkinson, an interesting point is dealt with as regards the extent to which a Japanese Court may enforce the decision of a foreign Court, remarks the Jopan Chronicle. The case, it will be remembered; has been before the Court many times. Messes. Wilkinson and Grist are solicitors of Hongkong, who were employed by Mr. Clifford Wilkinson to take proceedings for violation of his trade-mark "l'ausan." After the conclusion of the case, they presented a bill for services rendered and money advanced amounting to Y2,348, which Mr. Clifford Wilkinson refused to pay on the ground that the bill was excessive. "Action was taken in Hongkong, and the solicitors obtained judgment, whereupon they entered a sult in the K be Chiho Saib insho for recovery of their account. The Kope Court rejected the claim, but it being carried to Osaka, the Appeal Court there gave judgment reversing the decision in Kobe and ordered Mr. Clifford Wilkinson to pay the full sum claimed with costs, In giving its reasons for the decision the Court points out that it is well understood the Japanese Courts should respect the decisions given, in the Courts of the Treaty Powers, but the effect of the sovereign rights of each country is confined to the nmits of its territory. For this reason, the decision of a foreign law Court cannot be regarded as binding on Japanese Courts, unless it is provided by treaty, law, or ordinance that such decision should have the same effect in Japanusthe decision of a Japanesa Court. Nevertheless, from the point of viewof evidence the decision of a foreign Court carries. great weight. Articles 514 and 515 of the Japanese Code of Civil Procedure provide that a creditor desirous of executing in Japan the decision of a foreign Court, must first obtain the decision of a Court for the execution of the judgment in question But the claim in this case is not for execution of the decision of a foreign Court, and this renders it necessary for the Court to make an examination of the

facts of the case. In considering the first question at issue, as to whether the appellants were requested by the respondent to conduct suits brought against En ahu and Company and three other parties; for the prevention of the infringement of a trade-mark, the Court fieds that, according to a letter (No. 3 of Exhibit No. 54) addressed by appellants to respondent under data fanuary 14th, 1503, which is proved by avidence to be authoritative, the appellants (Wilkinson and Grist) asked the respondent '(Clifford Wilkinson) to reply by wire If he desired them to take proceedings on his behalf against three others who were alleged to be infringing his trade-marks, as his instructions were most vaguely worded Exhibit No. 6A shows that the respondent sent n telegraphic reply on January 21st, 1903, and requested appellants to take such proceedings, From this fact the Court concludes that the respondent instructed the appallants to proceed against Riche & Con the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and fram Hing Long in addition to E & Shun and Co. That being so, it naturally follows that the respondent must pay to the appellants the costs of these four cases, Exhibits Nos. 1, 2, and 3B, put in by the respondent As -counter-evidence, are all letters written by him to the appellants between May Jath and August 3rd, 1903, after the date, on which the appellants had been appointed to conduct the cases. Their meaning is very equivocal : Lad sequence of the points raised being very difficult to follow and those exhibits are valueless as against the conclusion of the Court

In considering the second question at issue, with amount of fees, dec, as claimed -the Court remarks that the respondent declares the amount excessive, and states that the fees charged by Singapore solicie tors on similar cases conducted in Bingapore were much less. The Court dismisses this ples, on the ground that a difference in fees in different places where conditions vary is natural. and it is impossible to regard a standard and in another. Both parties in this case being British subjects, and the contract being made been expressed in the gourse of these proceedings, no view on this point has been expressed. to the contrary by either party, The Court A Shanghai message to Japanese papers cannot but conclude that the amount of feet kong Supreme Court according to Baglish law. No. 14 (appellants statement of account) that the amount of fees claimed is proper. The

The judgment is signed by Judge Itageki police have their doubte as to the truth of the which carried the arms, who was proved to Fujio, presiding, and Judges Tanaka Torne

#### THE LATE KING OF PORTUGAL.

REQUIEM MASS.

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

The requelm service for the late King of Portugal and the Crown Prince was held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glencaly, last Saturday morning. The ceremony was official in its character, the invitations being issued by the Memorial Committee, in conjunction with the Consul General for Portugal in Hongkong, All the leading officials in the Colony attended. The seating accommodation was arranged in the following manner: In the liont row below the chancel to the left were His Excellency the Governor, Lady Lugard, His Excellency Major-General Broadwood, Commodore Stokes. and Mrs. Stores. Behind them sat Captain Taylor, A.D.C. to the Governor, Mr. A. "1-Brackenbury, Private Secretary, Capt: Synnot (member of the General's staff, Capt. Hea hcote A.D.C. to Major General Broadwood, and Lieut, Blauchflower, R.N., Private Secretary to the Commodore. The third row was reserved for members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, of whom were present the Hon, Mr. F. H. May, C.M.C., the Hon. Sit Paul Chater, C.M.C., the iton, Mr. E. A. Fewett, the Hon. wr. E. A. Osborne and the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk. On the opposite side, Consul General Romano and Madame Ros mano sat with Capt. Monteiro representing the Governor of Macao, and Key. Father Lucas, who was present on behalt of the ecclesiastical body of the l'ortuguese Colony. Then followed the Consular officials :- Che-Valier Z. Volpicelli (Italy) and Madame Volpicelii, Mr. Amos P. Wilder (U. S. A.). Mons. A. Pierre Marty, (Spain) and Madame Marty, Mr. Brebnsin (Belgium), Mr. G. Fries-(Denmark), Dr. E. A. Voretzsch (Germany), Mr. F. Winkler (Austria-Hungary), Mr. F. Barretto (Mexico), Mr. P. Kramer (Vice-Consul for France). The Consul (Mous. Soulange Teissier) was unable to be, present through indisposition. Mr. Havre Droeze (Consul for the Netherlands) was similarly absent. The seats allocated to members of the Committee were placed after those for the 'consuls and were occupied by : Mr. J. J. Leiria (president) and Mrs. Lettia, Mr. F. J. V. Jorge (vice-president) and Mrs. Jorge, Messes. A. C. M. Silva (hon. secretary), A. M. Roza Pereira (hon. treasurer), C. M. Alves, José M. Alves, E. H. d'Aquino, O. Baptista, B. M. Cunha, João Gomes, J. M. de Graça, F. X. Lopes, J. D. Osmund, S. de Pinna, E. A Remedios, R. J. Remedios, J. M. Rocha, Mario E. Silva, F. P. de V. Soarts, Duarte de Souza and L. J. Xavier. - The northern transept was set apart for the Sisters and girls of the Asile de la Ste Enfance : and southern provided accommodation for Sisters, boarders and orphans of the Italian Convent, as well as the students of St. Joseph's College and the Christian Brothers. The congregation were scated in the pave.

The interior of the large Cathedral was approprintely decorated in black and white. The huge granite columns for the whole length of the nave were entwined with black cloth. . The pulpit and communion railings we've also draped in black and white. An imposing estafalque was raised in the centre of the nave; it was elaborately draped in black and silver, surmounted by a heavy black canopy supported on black columns. Beneath the canopy rested two crowns on black velvet cushions, the larger as the emblem of the late King and the smaller. of the Heir Apparent Over the canopy depended from the root of the Cathedral tower a huge crown in black and silver with immense black streamers tapering to the four large granite columns. On the catafalque were displayed the royal arms of Portugal on each side. T e photograph of the late King Carlos and that of H. R. W. the Crown Prince faced the congregation; both the frames were draped in black crepe. Three beautiful wreaths rested at the base against the sides of the catalalque. white lilies enclosing the monogram ".D.C." (Dom Carlos); and on the broad white and purple silk were inscribed, the following legend in Portuguese: "In testimony of profound grief and eternal gratitude-Con-

Lusitano was also of white flowers, and printed on the black and white streamer was the plain (translated) inscription: "In token of respect from the members of the Club | in their junks proceeded to make Lusitano.

A great deal of artistic merit was displayed in the design of the third floral tribute sent by the directors of the Portuguese Library. in immortelles surmounted by a crown exquisite wreath read; "A memoria" de S.M D. Carlos 1.º. Presidente Honorario de' Bibliotheca Lusitana, e de S.A. o Principe Real, Offerece a Direcção da Bibliotheca."

His Lordship Bishop L. Pozzoni officiated at the service and was assisted by the Very Rev. Fr. P. de Maria and Rev. Fr. Augustini (deacon), and Rev. Fr P. Lee (sub-deacon). The masters-of-ceremonies were Rev. Fathers P. Gabardi, G. M. Spada, and A. Leangi. The choir and other musical arrangement were entrusted to the members of the Sociedade Phi-Iharmonica. Before the Absolution at the catafalque the Society played Chopin's Funeral Match to the mournful strains of which the congregation walked out of the Cathedral at the conclusion of the service shortly after nine p'clock..."

#### IN MEMORIAM.

February 1, 1908. Most hapless nation ! Tis thy crowning woc That in the frenzy of a crocial strife, Thy staunchest friend should fare as odious foe, And for thy wolfare yield his very life !

To clear an Augean taint that doomed the realm. The hope reposed upon a drastic cure ;. To steer away from shipwreck, at the helm An iron hand was needed, fearless, sure, It was no despot's way to waive a guard.

To deem a nation's heart the surest shield. A ready martyr thus would dare regard The arms that villains could with freedom wield. The trusted shield, alas, was rent in twin,

And through it ebbed two martyrs' lives away: For with the hapless King, that prince was slain Who gently strove to check the iron sway! The mother's breast for shield availed him not,

But hold! one spark of manhood still remained, It spared the heroine mid a hail of shot. And from the vilest stroke the gangs restrained.

Thus gauge, most noble Queen, by gentle sway. When murderers revere thy royal state, Thus spared, as guardian-angel lead the way; In wos the King, the nation may be great. -N. C. D. News.

ORDERS made by, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, 1903 eptitled the "Importation of Horses, found on the person of the accused. Asses and Mules (Ireland) Order of 907," can in The sentence of the Court was fouteen days' them have so far had the desired effect and h be seen on application of the Colonial Secre, hard labour, four hours stocks, and to receive seems really a matter of doubt if they ever SALY'S OFFICE.

MOTHER HUBBARD'S "WONK!

THE DOG AND HIS BONE.

When a Chinaman attempted to illustrate the old story about Mother Bubbard and sought to empty a dog's "cupboard" by removing its bone, of which it had possessed itself, by means unknown, no discovered that there is more than one ending to the story. About three o'clock 'yesterday alternoon gang of urchins congregated in Lok Hing's Lane, and having nothing worse to do found pleasure inteasing a dog, which belonged to the species known as "wonk" This "wonk" had secured by divers methods a large bone and was applying his molars to good purpose when the young rapscullions decided that if a "wook" found it interesting to play with a bone they also should have a shot at the game. The whole trouble arose through the wonk" refusing to participate in the amusement. When he was separated from the bone the "wo k" thought it was a case of catch-ascatch-can, and like Brer Rabbit "last low." 'At the second attempt he snarled. At the third attempt he made no "bones" about but decided that instead of having bone he would have meat. He jumped at one of the buys, and, in a humorous spirit tore away part of his under lip. Naturally, the China boy objected to this practice on the part of the "wonk" and howled for assistance. The dog having contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment, repaired to the bone and finished it holus bolus, while the lad, who had been bereft of a lip was removed to the hospital.

This morning, the damaged individual was seen within the precincts of the magistrac obsessed with a grievance against the "wonk" and its owner. Not being able to issue a summons against the cause of the disturbance he desired to take out one against the owner.

Whether he got a summons or not is immaterial to the case. This much is cettain-that the "wonk" has no animus against 'the boy, that no shred of the bone remains, and that the companions of the bold depredator are convinced that they have had one of the finest entertainments that they have enjoyed for

MIRACY NEAR SHANGHAL ...

ANOTHER BOAT ATTACKED.

The piracles occurring on the Whangpoo River only a few weeks ago have by no means been quelled, and so far from the freebooters having been driven from the district they seem to be once more as active as ever. The Shanghai Mercury, of 24th Feb., reports; This morning a launch reaching Shaughai carried a tale similar in many, respects to those related on the last occasion, and from what can Le learned it is evident that the present danger is a real menace to the shipping in the district. Fortunately on this occasion no lives have been lost, but "this circumstance may be taken more as a stroke of luck than any faint heartedness in the attack of the pirates, and a new phase of the trouble seems to have shown itself. Hitherto the attacks made upon the launches plying from here to Hangchow have all been made from the banks of the river, but now it transpires the robbers have four junks at their disposal with which to harry the shipping. Thus it seems that the patrol of the river instituted by the Chinese authorities has been utterry. inadequate, while a further element of danger has been introduced in the appearance of junks which have doubtless been filted out in some measure for use in this kind of work. The victim of the present outrage was a

steam launch, the Heng Yu, a boat owned by

the Chinese firm of Chop Kee and Co., and chartered by the Taito Steam Launch Co. She had left Bing-wo on Saturday evening with three boats in tow, and when between this. village and Kashing the attack was made. About half past eight o'clock four junks lo' med up out of the darkness, and shouts from one from Mr. Romano was a garland of the crews of these were heard commanding the launch to stop. Aware of the circumstances of the previous piracies the loadah did not hesitate for a moment, but rang full speed ahead and prepared to make a hold bid for escape. As the launch with her tow shot past selheiro Consul-General Agostinho Guilherme | the junks a volley of shots from the latter rang'out, accompanied by additional shouts The wreath from the members of the Club, to stand, but despite all these, the landah continued his course. Again the firing was repeated, but the pirates observing that they could not keep pace with the launch the shore. In a few minutes the junks were beached, and a gang of men numbering as nearly as could be ascertained in the dark from thirty to forty, leaped ashore and con-The Royal Arms of Portugal were represented | timed the chair on foot. Running along the banks they fired on the boats time and again. flowers. The dedication accompanying this but ultimately the launch and tow were able to show a clean pair, of heels, and the firing ceased. 'As the robbers vanished from sight is was seen from the launch that they had begun to retrace their steps, intending evidently to

make their junks once more. Proceeding on her way the launch shortly after the attack encountred a Chinese patrolboat, to the captaine of which the laodah related the story of the occurrence. patrol-boat at once left in the direction the robbers had taken, while the launch once more getting under weigh reached Shanghai in safety this morning. An examination of the boats disclosed the fact that the woodwork had been chipped and smashed by pirates, and it is a remarkable circumstance that the crew and passengers' came through it all unscathed. Later in the day a report was made to the Japanese Consul who may be expected to take immediate action in the matter. As had been already pointed out the renowal of the outrages constitutes a menace to the district, and doubtless the shipping companies strong representations to the authorities.

ROBBING A CHILD.

Mrs. Lau Chun was meandering towards the more; or less did not matter have now-a-Western Market thinking of nothing but her household supplies. The young apple of her eye suddenly made a cry. With the promptitude which marks the action of all Chinese women, Mrs. Lau switled round and saw an infamous coolie trying to do a record mile, Although burdened by the baby she made tracks so last that even the lukong who happened to appear on the scene was outdistanced. By happy chance another lukong appeared on the scene, and on the off chance that something was wrong grabbed the man with the record. At the Police Court. last Saturday morning, Leung Yin was charge good as far as the hot pollor are concerned. ed with stealing a rattan bangle, valued at

six strokes with bach is the all to make

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"RAFFERS" IN HONGKONG.

THE DANGERS OF WATERSPOUTING.

agth ulto, A strange experience befell an enterprising Chinaman named Yeung Chun in the carl hours of this morning one o'clock, to be precise-when he discovered that houses may be apparently unguarded, although the lukong is in the shadow on the watch. Mr. Yeung climbed up a waterspout attached to a house in the Taun-wan Village, at Mongkok, to inspect the sanitary conditions of the apartments, and, incidentally, to find out whether the tenants had carelessly left any valuables lying about. 'It may be said at once that Mr. Yeung was rewarded. He appropriated several articles, including a jadestone bringle, which is supposed to be worth \$7, and a velvet jacket, which he was sure would catch"the eye of his lady love to say nothing of \$14 in hard cash. Disdaining to resume the street by the ordinary channel. Mr. Ye'ung started to precipitate himself by way of the waterspout. A curious constable of the Chinese force observed; the gentleman endeavouring to lower himself by means of this improvised fire escape and demanded apologies while Mr. Yeung was still half way up. Not having been introduced to the lukong, and being burdened with the weight of his spoils, he made a gallant attempt to land flat on the policeman. The latter dodged, and Mr. Young, unfortunately, hurt himself. No magnanimity was shown by the lukous, who very gently took him by the queue and escorted him with all honours to the police station. At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. Yeung rehim three weeks in which to reform his habits. at the same time permisting him to expose hi countenance to the gaze of his friends for matter of four hours—in the stocks.

A SHARE TRANSACTION.

LEGALITY OF FORWARD CONTRACTS.

Mr. Justice Fisher in the Singapore Supreme Court delivered judgment, last week, in the share case, S. Manasseh and Co. vs B. Engelke. The first point taken by the defence, said his lordship, that there was no contract between these parties at all, having been virtually abandoned, it was necessary for defendant, in order that he should succeed on the second to prove that the contract was by way if gaming or wagering, and tha the suit was one for recovering a sum of money alleged to have been won on a wager. Th contract was headed "share contract" and there were these words: "Singapore, 31 July 1907 Bought of S. Manassch and Co. (plaintiffs) and sold to B. Engelke Esq. (defendant) 500 Kledangs at the price of per share of \$15, only, cash on delivery of transler. Delivery end o Oct. 1907." It was signed ' Charles Benj imin by ker" and as confirmed "B. Engelke." was on ordinary broker's note and admitted! on the face of it represented a contract mad through the broker Benjamin for the sale by plaintiffs to defendant of 500 Kledangs or fully at at Six a share, and by it the plain tiffs undertook to deliver the shares at tha price which defendant undertook to pay. make a gaming or wagering contract of the transaction the defendant had to show that the trans ction was inot really what it appeared on the face of it, but to the knowledge and intention of the parties to it something

to enable the defence (that this was gaming transaction) to succeed, it must, be proved that the parties were knowingly an avowedly as between themselves gambling in differences only, and that neither of them ever contemplated an actual delivery of shares, was for the defendant to prove that it was gaming transaction in the intention of both parties and this he had failed to do.

Judgment for the plaintiff as claimed with

Mr. Elliot for plaintiff and Mr. Farrer Baynes

for the defence.

RACING IN BANGKOK.

That pony racing in Bangkow has of late years shown a tendency to die a natural death has long been manifest to those interested in it and the entries for the race meeting to be held next week may safely be taken as a criterion of this, there being only 42 Stamese ponies and 5 big horses down to run; even the big race, the Bangkok Darby, has only attracted four possible starters. This is decidedly not as it should be considering the efforts which have from time to time been made to attract fresh owners by means of fresh subscription griffin schemes and the like, the fact of the matter, being that anly the older and richer stables get a "look in"in the better races. There has also been during the past few years a good deal of talk about unfair handicapping and on that account quite a bumber of Siamese owners stopped running their animals altogether. | meat safe, capable of containing besides a Whether there was any real justification for large double bed, a chair and a table, so that its these allegations it is not within our province occupant might read and write in peace after to say, but the facts remain that they were nightfall. I have never anywhere else seen made and that the number of owners became | the device duplicated in a hotel. Soft-footed good deal reduced on account of them. Another factor which would appear to have trousers of spotless white, flitted in and out and had a considerable effect in reducing the num- waited on us with the pearest approach to meber of entries seems to lie in the fact that after | chanical perfection that I have ever experiencthe sports Club got its grand stand and other | ed in things of flesh and blood. Instead of arrangements completed it became more of a having to be repeatedly rung for; it was only place for social functions and athletic games | necessary to clap one's hands for a boy to than for racing. Racing and training interfered somewhat with other sports those votaries rain of bullets which had been showered by the therefore tabooed the "sport of kings," And vet again sportsmen like Messrs. A. E. Olarovky, A. J. A. Jardine, T. McC. Browne and a score of others whose names will readily be recalled by all have left Bangkok and still others like H.R.H. the Crown Prince. H.R.H. Prince Bijit, H.R.H. Prince Svasti, Phya Surathan, Luang Raam and Luang Anuphan have retired from racing while no-one whose interests are threatened will make has taken their places. The result has been that in spite of an improved course, machine totalizators and all kinds of other appliances, true made us wonder if they had learned from intended to foster and improve the sport racing | experience not to trust to what might be found | Chinese seem to be its most abject slaves. In as a sport pure and simple has lost its popu-

latity. The advent of the motor-car in Bang- fidy, the guests or the hotel management.... tok has also probably had its effect as many persons who in former years kept fairly big to whether we should wait till next day and the great maelstrom of unsatisfied desire, where stables of gharry ponies and to whom a racer days adopted petrolidriven vehicles, the result being that the deslers who formerly went up country and fetched back good ponies for sale have found their occupation practically good. With all these matters tend- papers, of how Mrs James, Brown Potter, being. in the European city of chance. At Monte ink to militate against racing in Bangkok it is almost stranded, had come down from Hong. Carlo everything is voluptuously beautiful; the then little wonder that it is neither so well supported or so popular as it was even! five or. six years ago and it is difficult to suggest any ing expenses of her entire company to Singa. | guests (or, following some inscrutable law, reordinary means wicreby it can be easily re- pore, and that only the night before a coolie fuse you); you play in a gorgeously frescoed animated. It never was exactly a poor man's from Canton bad cleared up nearly \$1,000, and apartment of crimson and gold to the rhythmiamusement and the increased cost of living in In consequence the Chinese of the town were cal strains of a Hungarian orchestra, and with Bangkok of late years has possibly done it no good as far as the hot pollor are concerned. It rush of players that night. Then I wanted to pany of the elite of the world.

Will thus be seen that to place it upon anything see the contingent that had come down on the In Macao everything is, as it was when the the thopkeeper occupying the ground floor.

"Heads you win talls I lose."

MACAO

THE MONTE CARLO OF THE FAR BAST,

The San Francisco Chronicie contains at illustrated article on Macao from the pen-o Marie L. Walton. In describing the Portuguese settlement the writer rays :--

Half, way between the Chinese city of Canton and the English Crown colony of Hongkong is the Portuguese dependency of Macko, the quaintest, oddest community in the Orient and known to the residents in that part of the would as the Monte Carlo of the Far East. One makes the trip up the Pearl river from Hongkong in splendidly appointed twin screw steamer, and in about three hours approaches the picturesque town with its flat rooled houses painted red, blue and green, lying crescont shaped between bold high cliffs, which occupeither end of the peninsula. The dark frowning forts are an effective addition to the general view, but how much they add to the strength of the place I do not know.

Two-thirds of the passengers aboard the Heungahan were going to Macao, where gambling is licensed solely on account of the opportunities it offers for play, actuated into making the trip by the obscure 'craving which can be satisfied only by gold. ... It was Saluiday atternoon and European residents of Hong kong addicted to gambling were making their weakly trip up to Macao to play fautag and other games which are run open and as a matter of course day, and night. In a race track crowd on the ferry from San Francisco the men appear all of one type and may be classed by themselves, but if this human cargo gretted his early morning's adventures to an was to placed on a manifest it would have to upsympathetic magistrate, who promptly gave be listed as "white men-assorted." Practically every calling in Hongkong was represented and while there were typical looking kamblers among the crowd, the ensemble presented far from the appearance one would expect, when one considered the object of their trip. The other third of the ship's passengers were

tourists, who expected to find attractions outside the lantan houses in the quaint historic town, but who would probably never leave the place without at least one glimpse into the gaudy abode of the fickle goddess. Fortune, where the passions of desire, hope and despair lay bare the vacillating uncertain soul of the gambler to the lascinated gaze of an heretofore unsophisticated audience.

HISTORY OF MACAO. By dint of much questioning, while going up the river, I had extracted some information concerning the history of the place from the captain of the boat, the said that a long time igo (which I learned later was about 1550) Portuguese merchants used to trade at a smal island near Macao and Portuguese war ships guarded their interests there. The entire coast of China teemed with pirates and fierce battles were being constantly waged with the natives: Finally the Portuguese gunbouts assisted in the ex ermination of these hordes, and in appreciation of this service, the Chinese Goveroment" gave, the peninsula upon which Macao is situated to the Portuguese. . Up to 1848, however, the Chinese mandarins exacted money from the town, a ground reat of 500 tacks a year being paid to them; but at this date the Portuguese Governor determined to pul a stop to this practice. rais effort cost him his life, as he was assassinated while out riding near the wall which separated Macao from Chinese territory. A sharp encounter followed, and since then the right of Portugal to Macao has never been disputed.

.. Two trem Portuguese gupbeats, ay at anchorin the harbor as we came up, one of them having just resurned from Hongkong, where it has gone to convey his excellency the new Governor and his family to his new post at Macao. The water round our steamer was alive with small native boats or sam; ans, in which the floating population of the town made its home, and 'al the complex and intricate problems of navigation paled into insignificance beside the one involving the calculation necessary to make the dock without running a hundred or so of

- The bells of the cathedral and of all the other churches were pealing the Angelus as we disembarked, furnishing an odd, foreign note in these Oriental surroundings.

MOSQUITO, PROOF. .The hotel to which we went was comfortable and commodious, and fronted on the Prais Grande or boulevard. The rooms, each with its tiny verandah, closed in and furnished with bamboo chairs, table and couches, commanded a splendid view of the harbor. A most unique mosquito-defying contrivance was discovered in each roo n. Everywhere in the Orient one escapes the mosquitoes during his sleeping hours by the use of the mosquito netting, which is draped, in one fashion or another, about the bed, and after the lights are lit this is the only haven where one is secure from these pestifernur pests; but, in this hotel each room had within itself a mosquito-proof compaitment made of wire screen and wood, like a gigantic Chinese boys, in loose, breezy blouses and make instant appearance. These servants received only \$2.50 a month and their "chow? for the most untiring labor during hours that were endless, and a most ingenious invention had been contrived to prevent them from adding to their income through the medium of tips. Outside the door of each room hung a lold ladies in lace mantillas, with reseries in sort of contribution box, above which was pasted this notice: "If the services of employes please you, kindly place reward in this

The cold-blooded manner in which we were assailed for tips by the boys before our depar-

see the sober, prosaic sights of the town first one sees among the multitude men and women or make our initial visit to the casino that evening. I was for going at once, since it was to I genius of the earth. be the unusual event, and my interest had been increased tenfold by the story told me at din- which is magic and potent, the conditions and ner, which had been printed in the London surroundings are the exact antithesis of those kong and in a single evening's play had won a sum sufficient to pay the salaries and travel- | gold-laced liveried lackeys receive you as his so ex ited that there was sure to be a perfect | the satisfied feeling that you are in the comrush of players that night. Then I wanted to nany of the elite of the world. and lost the decision to her fickle majestr.

the balcony to enjoy the marvellous beauty of | frowned." the harbour by moonlight

A CHINESE GUIDE.

A guide was necessary when we set out, next morning, and the one we procured to pilot us around was a marvel of his kind. He was the tallest and most dignified looking Chinese that I had ever seen, and had he but presessed A manacle, I should have been fir aly convinced that we were in the compary of saidule in disguise. He talked with the drawl of an aristocratic Englishman, in erspersing his remarks with frequent expressions in French and his languid, " beg pawdon, " whenever he was addressed was inimitable. We learned that for years he had been valet to his 'excellancy, the Governor of Hongkong, ir William Robinson, and, with the characteristic aprivate of his race, had evidently become a living replica of that famous man.

Our rickshaws sped along the Praia Grande, a handsome promenade which extends along the sea fice for about two miles, with Fort Bom Parto on the west and Fort San Francisco on the east. On this drive are the Governor's palace, the administration offices, the consulates and the Chinese home of the famous Afong. The Governor's residence is surrounded by a maynificent garden, which is really a park. The house, a large, picturesque structure. is in the centre and enclosed by a circular fence. Outside of this is a public garden, beautifully kept and full to overflowing with chrysanthemums and other bright-colored flowers

.The drive, which is shaded on either side b heautiful Japanese banyan trees, follows the sea to the outskirts of Macno, where a large granite arch erected in 1849 indicates the place of demarcation between Chinese and Portuguese territory. On the Macao side are number of small Government buildings oc cupied by the military, and a sentry guards the entrance to the town. The arch is very plain. but beautiful in its simplicity of design, and bears the date of its erection and the preten tious inscription : \*-

"The eyes of the country are on you, and she does you honor."

ATTEND CHURCH.

Turning back and leaving the seashore on road to the left, we passed a number of a small Chinese temples and on this road also was a large firecracker factory, which we visited learning how the principal feature of Fourth of fully celebrations is manufactured. Turning a sharp corner from the firecracker Jactory, we entered the heart of the Chinese district, the dirtiest, filthiest place that one could possibly conceive. The alleys were narrow and crooker and dark, and hundreds of pigs helped to block up the way, already congested with jabhering Chinese, men, women and children, I scarcel drew a breadth while being whirled through this villainous section, and everything I had ever heard of microbes came surging through my brain. Since I actually escaped with no ill effects, I have ever since been skeptical of the whole germ theory. After about five minutes' wild driving-or travelling, ratheraround corners and up steen alleys, we emerged into a wide open space, which was clean, fresh and wholesome, and one would never dream that just around the corner was this awful hole filled with filth indescribable. After going a few squares farther we came to the garden of Campens where the exiled Portuguese poet wrote the sonnets celebrating the achieve - ents of his ungrateful country. In the beautiful protto at the head of the garden he is said to have written the "Lusiad." There a bronze bust of the poet, and set in the wal of the circular enclosure are a number of tables in which are inscribed verses from his penone being a sonnet to Macao. This is one of the most beautiful spots in the town and mosurpassed by few other parks in that part of China.

Being Bunday morning, we returned to the hotel in time to attend mass at the, l'ortuguese cathedral at 11 o'clock. Two hundred soldiers from Fort Bom Parto, preceded by a band, marched to the church, and, entering; filled about one-half the office. They remained standing during the entire service, and looked very attractive in their n at uniforms of bluish gray. The music was rendered by a ful orchestra, and the solos were particularly. fine. At the elevation the sharp, clear notes of the sacred music were taken up by the buglers. The church has a very handsome interior and lacks absolutely the gaudiness, which characterizes the church in Spanish countries. The service was extremely impressive and the congregation, besides the military, numbered about 200; mostly Portuguese, but with a geenrous sprinkling of Chinese men and women of the better class. The Governor and his family arrived just before the service began, his two daughters and a son in richshaws, and his wife, his aid and himself in an open wagonette, drawn by two mangy-looking ponies. The Governor and his wife occupied two highbacked gilt chairs, and his family worshipped in a little enclosure in front, railed off from the rest of the congregation. On the way back from mass we climbed the stone steps of the ruins of the Church of San Paulo, which burned down during a typhono in 1835. Only the facade of the cathedral still stands, but time has not yet blotted out the words "Mater Dei" above the great portal, and the date/1602 may still be deciphered upon the corner stone.

#### LIKE OLD PORTUGAL.

The ancient streets and alleys of Macao are like a glimpse of Portugal in the Middle Ages. and strangely incongruous they seem in this far away spot in China. The worn stone pavements, the convents, crumbling and dilanidated; old walls coated with moss and stone crosses covered with creepers, all speak of a day that is past. In the shadow of these agebrowned walls one meets dark-complexioned their hands, and tonsured, dark-robed monks, with ankles bare and feet in rough sandals. hurrying to the monastery, with heads bent in reverie, oblivious of their worldly surroundings. But it is Macao at night that is seductive.

Gambling is a most universal, all-devouring passion. Itha- the whole world in its grip, but the in the boxes and whom they suspected of per- | Macao one finds concentrated the same power' and enthrallment that brings the fascinated The members of our party were divided as world to its glistening prototype, Monte Carlo, whose names mean the wealth and power and

Outside the all-pervading "spirit of play, Casino is the palace of a reigning Prince; his

Sy It was stated in Court that the bangle like its old footing will manifestly require a boat with us at play, but was assured that there world was young; but the same brain-naked which had been raised some fifteen feet from had been taken of the arm of the child, the very considerable effort on the part of the same type any specimens of humanity, with pleaming eyes the ground and shooting off from this she twice fastening being cut. The belief is that the B. S. C. and it is difficult to see exactly what night in the middle of the road. culture and Technical instruction for treatment of the most take. Suggest question, when suddenly remembering that we whirling to its livery groove, and spinning so She was picked up and taken to hospital by the under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to work was done with a pocket knife which was direction any such effort must take. Suggest question, when suddenly remembering that we whirling to its livery groove, and spinning so She was picked up and taken to hospital by the tions have so far had the desired effect and it over by the goddess chance, we matched coins chosen, as Monte Carlo, are found here sure had sustained severe injuries to her head and rounding the Chinese croupler, living through arms Hercondition is seriods, but the discount an elecuity of appoint as he counts the latel have hopes of her recovery

Pate frowned : I lost, and we adjourned to | colns which decide whether fate has smiled or

THE CAMBLING HOUSES. We went in rickshaws from the hotel down to within a few hundred yards of the steamer wharf, and found the street in front, of the gaudy fan-tan house simply packed with these Oriental buggies. Squeezing through with much, difficulty wo natered a dirty, ill-lighted hallway, climbed up a wooden staircase to a targe room, illuminated by numbers of Chinese lanterns and lamps, mounted a ladder-like contrivance for reaching a gallery that can around" the apartment, and looked down upon the players on the fluor below.

Over the tables, instead of the green baire, was a greaty of th, and the croupler sat before square, in the corners of which were marked the numbers 1. 2. 3. 4. Near by, behind a wire grating, reposed the banker, smoking a long pipe. The sound of drawling music came from somewhere off in the shadowy distance. The room was well filled but not crowded, and there seemed in be no unusual excitement among. the players, who were predominantly Chinese, though several groups of white men were also

The game seemed not at all complicated. the four numbers marked on the square appearing to bear the same relation to the game, that the zero mark and the thirty-six sections of the wheel do to roulette.

The croupler took at random a handful ofsmall coins from a receptacle at his side and covered them with a sort of wooden bowl. Then the players put their money on the numbers, and when the betting had ceased he lifted the bowl and separated the bits of money? with a chopstick. He counted them by fours. and the remainder, or the last four if there was no remainder, represented the winning number. The betting is on the possible number of the remainder, and there is only one; two, three

or four to back-no colors or combinations, as at rouge-et-noir or trente-et-quarente-One cared not so much for the game, howeyer, as to watch the p ayers themselves. Prosperous looking Chinese merchants, with greatfat wallets clutched in their hands, gamed together with out a glimmer of expression on their yellow parchment faces. By the closest observation one could not detect whether they were winning or losing. They played stolidly on, refreshing themselves now and then with a cup of tea, which was brought in by an attendant. Forlorn, miserable-looking coolies crept in, stood around, played their single coin; lost, and stole away to procure for the morrow the wherewithal to try their luck again, The white men who were playing in different parts of the room acted in a manner which was in

tell when they lost. The Chinese ruined gives no sign; winning he is equally emotionless, and having lost at play he is not given to suicide; so that this Monte Carlo of the Far East has no corpses hanging from the limbs of the trees."

marked contrast to that of the Chinese. They

were nervous and fidgetty, and it was easy to

Here, with everything stripped of its glamour one seemed to be standing at the very fountain head of all the evil resulting from the ramifications of this fascinating vice. Travel where you will, you will find gambling in its many diversified forms gripping its victims by the throat; the high and the low, the rich and the poor; the white, brown, yellow and black all bear the mark of its contamination, and one could well imagine that in the germ-laden atmosphere of this vile den in Macao might have emanated the microbe that had carried this fatal malady to the farthermost ends of the earth. It seems to be the one great failing which makes the whole world kin, and but for it we could say: ----

"Oh, the East is the East and the West is" the West,

And never the twain shall meet, Till catth and sky stand presently At Cod's great Judgment seat,"

SINGAPO . E'S TRADE.

The summary of returns for the last quarter of 1007 are now published in the Government Gazette. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 19:6 (exclusive of treasure) they

4th Or. 1936. 550,004,312 D50,331,442 0,572,000 \$20,584,505 2,401,526 Malacca ..... 1,228,365 143,310 \$78,144,312 £ 9 116,836 Decrease ...... \$ 4,553,166=£531,202 4th Qr. 1906. 4th Qr. 1908. Singapore ..... 551,625,718 545,122,787 6 0,023,001 enang ..... 19,700,804 2,299,428 5 1,010,258 915,256 107,129 \$75.771,937 Decrease ............ \$10,730,090=£ 1;170,177

\$14,583,256, equivalent to a DECLINE OF Q.1 PER CENT. The greater part, more than two-thirds, is in exports, and eight million dollars in metals alone, which, of course, is almost entirely tin." It is not that the production has decreased by 30 per cent, though there is reason to believe that that has decreased. The low price of the metal in this last quarter is responsible, for the great falling off in the value of the tin trade of

This gives a total decrease in trade of the

last quarter of 1907 over that of 1906 of

imports must be less. The net result is-tin governs our trade. - Singapore Free Press. A NARROW KSCAPE

the Colony. Correspondingly, the value of the

YOURG WOMAN'S LIFE SAVED BY

A SUNSHADE

A young Chinese woman, residing on the top floor of 6, Gilman Braar, had a very narrow shave from being killed outright yesterday evening. She has to thank a shopkeeper's

sunshade for her miraculous escape. The women, whose name the police got as Mui Kwai, was engaged at about 6 p.m." yesterder in taking in several pieces of clothing which bad been put out to be alred that more. ing on the drying poles -which, the reader must know, are affixed to the verandahs of nearly all. Chinese tenements, 'In order to reach the outer pole, the young woman secured the assistance of a stool, and while stretching over to reach the pole, the stool slipped from under ber, and she was precipitaled over the verandali,

### HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Hongkong Ir Company, Ltd., was held in the offices of he general managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., this forencon. The Hon. Mr. Henry Keswick presided, and

the others present were Messrs. J. Barton, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shiu, T. S. Forrest, C. H. Ross, L. N. Leefe, R. Sutherland, W. Parlane, beg to submit their report for the half-year manaker, and R. G. Munro, secretary. The secretary read the notice calling the

meeting. The Chairman said-Gentlemen,-The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days past I propose to take them as read. Our sales of ice during the year, 1907 show a decrease of 483 tons as compared with 1906 figures, but this decrease was to be expected, for during 1906 we had an exceptional demand from shipping and coast ports. The company's plant and premises are all in excellent order. With a view to meeting threatened opposition from more than one quarter the general managers considered it advisable to enter into an agreement with the Hongkong Milling Company, Limited, for the purchase of their surplus output of ice from the Junk Bay Flour Mills, such ice being guaranteed of equal purity and clearness to that manufactured at our own works. This arrangement obviated the necessity of extending our plant for some time to come, while the price agreed upon allowed us a fair margin of profit. It has been further arranged with the Hongkong Mills ing Company that in the event of competition arising, the price first current will be reduced so as to enable us to meet such competition. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts and answering so far as I am able any questions you may wish to put, I wish to refer to the early departure of Mr. Parlane, who has most ably and conscientiously filled the post of manager of our company for over twentylyears past, and I propose that

(Applause). No questions were asked. The Chairman thereupon moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Sutherland seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Forrest proposed the reappointment Mr. A. R. Lowe as auditor.

our appreciation of his very valuable services.

Mr. Barton seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted. The Chairman: That concludes the business f the meeting, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to morrow.

#### RULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Board Room, on the 11th February, 1908. Present: - Messrs. W. II. Wallace (chairman) C. A. V. Bowra, A. F. Gardiner, W. Kruse, Huang Ts'an-chew, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson,

the Health Officer and the Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed.

A letter is read from the British Consul informing the Council that he has been in correspondence with H. B. M.'s Surveyor of Works. Shanghai, on the subject of handing over a well from the Consulate to the Council for the use of the public, and that he is prepared to hand over the well in question, it being a condition that the Council bind themselves to keep the well is good repair and always permit the residents of the British consplate compound and of the Foundling Institution to have free access to it.

following cases have been dealt with at the Mixed Court since the last meeting :-Assault ..... 2 Allowing pigs to stray ......

The Superintendent of Police reports the

(Signed), W. H. WALLACE, Chairman.

#### By order, C. BERKELEY MITCHELL. Secretary.

An inquest was held at the British Consulate before H.B.M.'s Consul, Mr. P. E. O'Brien Butter, sitting as Coroner, on the 20th and 22nd ulto, concerning the death of Mr. George Russell, age 27, a lightkeeper in the service of the I.M.C., who was found on the verandh of a house occupied by Mr. Yokoyama, on the morning of the 19th ulto, seriously injured. Mr. C. A. V. Bowra, the Commissioner, and Mr. A. Nielsen, Inspector of Lights, were in court on behalf of the I.M.C. and the Municipal Police were represented by the Superintendent. A number of witnesses having been called, the finding was as follows :-

INQUEST:

"Death from exhaustion from bleeding and exposure to cold. The wounds were not inflicted by any lethal weapon but probably arose from the deceased's falling against some stone or sharp substance. The attention of the Police is called to the fact that the man had previously been in doubtful company and had been robbed."

MIXED COURT. In the Mixed Court, on the 26th ulto. before Mr. Ch'en Hung Yun, Mixed Court Magistrate with Mr. L. Giles, of the British Consulate, sitting as Assessor, Yui Gwoat Sui, 34, brothel keeper, native of Kulangsu, Oo Teh Ah, 29, chair coolie, native of Hua-an, and Lee Khit, 24, house coolie, native of Kulangsu, were charged by the Supt. of Police, with being concerned in robbery from the person of George Russell, a sum of money, a silver watch and a cheque book, on the early morning of the 19th inst. The prisoners were found guilty, and Yui Gwoat Sui was sentenced to six months' cangue and three years' imprison-

#### THE YAU-MA-TI "EXPRESS."

ment, and the other two prisoners to six months,

cangue and two years' imprisonment each.

UNFORTUNATE RESULT OF SCHOOL BOY'S

All are aware that Yau-ma-ti is in the proud position of possessing an "express," which; although it does not yet, run to Hankow or Moscow, is nevertheless one of the promising Praya Reclamation features of a rising community. The exor as it is called in the higher circles of Yau-ma-ti, "our express," performs the very important operation of carrying subble, otherwise popularly known as plain "muck, "from the hillside to the reclamation. works. It is hardly necessary to say that the express forms a source of unlimited pleasure to the youth of Yau-ma-ti. Every street arab there aspires to the feat of " beating" the one and only express and each wins hands down. At five o'clock on the afternoon of the 28th ulto. three youngsters resolved to play the hobo and get a free ride. Unfortunately, one of the boys on seeing the foreman of the works in the distance let go his hold on the truck. He fell on the rails and his left foot, as far as the ankle, was severed. The train was immodistaly stopped and willing hands endeavoured to assuage the wounds metaloed by the foolish youth He was conveyed to the hospital as specilly as possible where he still remains.

#### THE HONGRONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the Board of Directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the company's hotel, at 12.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 7th March, 1908, reads:--

Gentlemen,-In accordance with section 56 of the articles of association, the directors now ended 31st December, 1907.

ACCOUNTS. The profit on working account amounted to \$39,292.35 as compared with \$53,959.18 for the corresponding period of 1906; being a decrease of \$14,666.83.

The profit and loss account, including the sum of \$10,925.88 brought forward from 30th June, 1907, shows a credit balance of \$49,252.17, which the directors recommend should be apportioned as follows :-

To pay a dividend of 7 per cent. for the half-year ..... \$42,000 00 To transfer to repairs and re-To carry forward to new account 252.17

The Hon. Mr. E. Osborne retires by rotation, out offers himself for re-election. The accounts have been audited by Messra

H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe, C.A., who offer themselves for re-election. W. HUITON POTTS,

Hongkong, 20th February, 1907. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. For the six months ending 31st December, 190

to the latest available returns, the passenger To Bad debts and refunds ...........\$ fares alone now show a total of upwards of To Crown rent \$5,000 per diem. This looks like business and we should take this opportunity of recording | To Rates everybody interested has good grounds for feel-To Fire insurance ....... 3.787.10 ing jubilant about the outlook,-Shanghal To Debenture int. on \$500,000 @ 3%=....\$ 15,000.00 Less returned on debentures held by the company ...... 2,305,48 12,694,52 To Interest account 6,843.65

To Directors' and auditors' fees..... 3,200.00 To Repairs and renewals account; balance as per statement...... To Balance to be appropriated as follows:-To paya dividend of 7%=\$42,000.00 To Transfer to repairs and

renewals account.... 7,000,00 To Carry forward to new account ..... 49,152.17 \$ 81,867.36

Balance from 30th June: 1907 ..... \$73,884 50 Less Dividend at 8%= .....\$48,000.00 ess Transfer-

red to repairs and renewals account '.... 10.000.00 Less Transferred to furniture and fix-

tures account 4,958.62 - \$10,925.88 By Rents of shops and offices, old huilding ... \$5,840.00 By Rents of shops and offices, now building ... 4,540.00

By Rents of Hotel Man-31,380.00 By Dividends on shares in public companies ...... By Scrip and transfer fees ...... By Bad debts and refunds recovered By Profit on Hotel working account

for the six months ending 31st December, 1907...... 39,292.35 \$81,867.36 REPAIRS AND RENEWALS ACCOUNT.

To Payments on account of repairs ... and renewals during the halfyear ending 31st Dec., 1907. ..... \$12,089.11 \$12,089.11

By Amount transferred from profitand loss account as recommended in last report ............ \$10,000.co By Transfer to profit and loss 2,089,11

\$12,089,11 BALANCE SHEET, 3181 DECEMBER, 1907. Liabilities.

Capital :-12,000 Shares at \$50 each (fully 1,000 Mortgage debentures (6%) ......\$500,000.00 Less 152 ditto held by

the Company ..... 76,020,00 424,000 D.CD Reserve fund Sundry creditors Unclaimed dividends Hongkong and Shanghai Banking 'Corporation (current account)... Profit and loss account, balance as per statement ....... 49,252.17

\$2,013,301,10 Value of Marine Lot No. 5 and remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 3 and remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 7. and Buildings thereon, as per last account ..... \$1,065,380.00

Since expended on alterations and additions to Buildings -\$1,075,056.21 (Marine Lot No. 

Building thereon "Hotel Mansions". 375,752.68 621,892,68 Cost of three Chinese houses on sections B., C. and D. of Inland Lot No. 80 Cost of Kowloop Farm Lot No. 3

section A ...... 1,760,875.79

Furniture and fixtures. as per last account...\$ Low writien off, as per last reporting a serser 95,000,00

R. F. O. MASTER.

Installation of electric light, as per Block of lines, crockery, glass-24,000,00 Stock of wine, provisions, house-

RAILWAY.

A PROMISING OUTLOOK.

It is gratifying from every point of view to

ing the running of the Shanghai-Nanking Rail-

Chinese are taking to the railway and availing

themselves of its facilities both as a means of

degree of spontaniety and appreciation that

affords an absolue assurance of prosperity,

and that should certainly act as a stimulus to

similar enterprises in every part of the Empire.

The line, of course, is only in operation as far.

as Chicking, but judging by the experience

which is now being gained, the prospects of

the railway, when its advantages and

facilities are placed within reach of the vast

population of Nanking, are unquestionably very

roseate. Since China New Year, for instance

the receipts of the line have been increasing

in the most promising manner, until, according

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

NEXT MEETING'S PROGRAMME,

The programme of the first meeting to be

held at the Happy Valley, on Saturday, 4th

April, 1908, (weather permitting), is as follows :--

1.-3 p.m.-ONCE ROUND,-For China ponies

subscription griffins of this season 1907,1908

and all ponies entered in the Hongkong

Griffin Stakes and The Tientsin Stakes at

the Hongkong Jockey Club meeting 1908,

Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of

one race 5 lbs, extra; of two of more races

to lbs. extra. Non-winning placed ponies

allowed 2 lbs. Unplaced runners allowed

c lbs. Jockeys who have not won more than

two official races in Hongkong, Shanghai or

Tientsin allowed 5 lbs. Entrance fee \$5.

1st prize: The Tree Cup presented. 2nd

prize: 125. (Entrance fees to go to winner.)

2.- 3.20 D.m. - GYMKHANA STAKES.-Value

\$80. Distance one mile. For all China

c. lbs. extra. Non-winning subscription

griffins allowed 5 lbs. Jockeys who have

not won more than two official races in

starts. Such 2lbs. to remain deducted until

penalties without deduction. Penalties ac-

the ring. Nominating lady to stand at a

given point. Gentleman nominated

1.-4.10 p.m.-THREE QUARTERS OF A MILI

FLAT RACE .- For China ponies. Subscrip-

tion griffins of any season which have never

won an official race. Unplaced runners

allowed 3 lbs. To be ridden by Jockeys

who have not won more than two official

races in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin.

Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance fee

\$5. 1st prize: "The Exit Cup" presented.

and prize; \$25. (Entrance lees to go'to

.-- 4.30 p.m.-WELTER RACE.-Half a mile

For all China pony hacks passed as such by

the committee of the Club. To be ridden b

ridets who have never ridden in an official

race in Hongkong or China. Catch weights'

over 13 st. Open to members of the Jockey'

Club and members of both services as well

as to members of the Gymb ana Club, En-

trance fee \$5. 1st prize : A cup presented.

and prize: \$25. Entrance fees to go to win-

6 .-- 4.50 p.m. -- ONE MILE AND A QUARTER

FLAT RACE, HANDICAP .- For all China

ponies. Jackeys who have not won more

hai or Tientsin allowed 5lbs. Entrance fee

St. .ret prize; A Cup presented by Bir C.

P. Chater, C.M.G. and prize: \$25. (En-

7.- C.20 D.M.-TANDEM RACE, ONCE ROUND.

Driven pony properly driven to finish

-For all China ponies. One pony to be

ridden and another driven unmounted.

front of ridden pony or pair disqualified.

Any competitor leading instead of driving

will be disqualified. Entrance fee \$5. 184

prize a cup presented. 2nd prize \$25. (Rn.

Entries close to the hon, secretary, Hong

kong Gymkhana Club on Saturday, the 28th

Entries for events Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 6 must

state name, colour, and height of pony, also

Entries for event No. 5 must state name of

Post entries will be accepted for event No. 3.

Forms of entry may be had on application

Hoe Becretary

March, at the Hongkong Club at 7 p.m.

wise entry will not be accepted.

racing colours.

trance fees to go to winner.) No post en-

than two official races in Hongkong, Shang

ner. No post entries.

tranca fees to go to winner).

will be accepted for this event.

winner,

winner.)

travel and conveyance of freight with

hold sundries, and stationery, as per inventories Shares in Public Companies ..... Value of steam launch Sundry debtors Licenses attaching to 1928 ..... Hongkong and Shangh ii Banking

Corporation (Unclaimed Dividends Account) Cash in hand ......

if we remember rightly, four in number, were brought up formally before Mr. F. A. Haveland, at the Magistracy, and were released on bail of \$2,000 each, to appear for trial. One of the

accused appeared at the Police Court, on the alternoon of the 28th ulto., to answer to the \$3,013,301.10 charge and the case was remanded to permit of the attendance of witnesses from Amoy. This morning, another of those, who are THE SHANGHAI-NANKING under the charge of perjury, was called and the

man summoned failed to appear. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley (Crown Solicitor) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. G. E Morrell, of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow ; and Morrell, represented the absent defendant. ... Mr. Morrell asked for a month's adjournbe able to record the fact that success is attend-

"GONE AWAY."

ALLEGED PERJURER BELIEVED TO BE

IN AMOV.

The Crown Colicitor objected. way even more fully than the most sanguine Mr. Morrell stated that his client was too ill promoters of the enterprise auticipated. The

The Crown Solicitor desired the production of a medical certificate. The Court-Where is the defendant? Where

can he be found? Mr. Morrell said that the defendant was not n the Colony. The Court—Has he written to you, Mr.

Mr. Morrell-I understand that he is too ill The Court-Then where is he?

Mr. Morrell-So far as I am led to understand he is in the interior. The Court-The empire of China is rather a

large place, Mr. Bowley remarked that he believed the accused had left the Colony, gone to Canton,

and most probably was in Amoy at the presen-The Court—What we want is the man here, If I estreat his bail he would'nt come back at all,

Mr. Morrell observed that there would be no object for his client to return if his bail was Mr. Bowley-But you could telegraph him

Mr. Morrell-I could if I knew where he is. After further discussion the case was remanded for a week, with the object of givin.

the defendant an opportunity of returning.

#### CHINA AND TIBET.

Some time ago H.R. Tsea Chun-hauan (formerly Viceroy of the Liang-kwang provinces and now at Hangchow) suggested the conversion of Tibet into two provinces to be governed by a Chinese vicercy, whose seat of government would be established at Lhassa. As Chando is also an important city a governor would be stationed there. The practical effect of this change would be to convert the Imperial Chinese Resident and Assistant Resident into Viceroy and Governor respectively. The following is a summary of a recent memorial from the Imperial Resident, Lien Yu, on this subject, which gives a description of the deplorable condition nonies. Catch weights at 10 st. 6 lbs. . Winin that closely-walled country :- Prior to the ners of an open race or open griffin race unfortunate war with Japan in 1894-5 the Dalai Lama and his immediate subordinates respected instructions from Peking through the Im-Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 perial Resident and dared not to do what they lbs. A cup called the Gymkhana Cup will be | liked. But after the war in Korea and Manpresented at the end of the season to be won I churia the Tibetan Government realized the by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the Gymkhama Stakes at the gymkhana Pansnen Lama and their spiritual followers shan touches the river below Wusneh." meetings during the season, counting began to despise the Chinese Government and 4 points for a first; 2 for a second; and 1 for distrust the two Imperial Residents and the Yangtze from where the Matsushan touches a third. The benefit of marks already scored even went so far as to depend upon for the river to Yochow. of the race to carry 5lbs, extra for each win the Chinese yoke. It was mainly due to the fined). in subsequent starts for the race, but in the ignorance, stupidity and obstinacy of the Dalai event of a pony carrying the penalty not win- | Lama and his immediate, followers that the ning, 2lbs. to be deducted next time he British Expeditionary Force entered Tibet in 12004. The memorialist believes that as the he wins again when he will carry the full | Tibetans are still deeply suspicious of the Chinese Government, it would merely evoke more cumulative up, to 15 lbs. Entrance fee St. | distrust and open trouble if Tibet were convertand prize: \$15. Half entrance fees to go to ed into two provinces. As now proposed, H.E. Lien Yu, therefore, strongly urges, that the scheme may be postponed until he has made 3 .- 3.40 p.m .- LADIES' NOMINATION .- Tilting due preparations, after which the vassal State to may be converted into two provinces by the gallop past carrying a lance, as he gallops simple issue of an Imperial Edict from Peking. Regarding the proposed, reorganization of past nominating lady to throw a ring which gentleman nominated will endeavour to Tibet the memorialist says that he can do nothing without money from China as he cancatch on his lance. Best of 3 runs. Points not obtain funds in the country itself. As the will be given for number of rings caught Dalai Lama is still lingering in Kansu under and for pace. Entrance fee \$3. 1st and 2nd pretext of illness, the memorialist requests the prizes presented by the Club: Post entries Throne to order him to return to Lhassa without further delay and to co-operate in the reorganization of the Tibetan Government, now that the British troops are withdrawn and the

> commercial convention between Tibet and India is all but settled .- N. C. D. News. "PRINCE" IN A TRANCH.

attending to business at the other

'END OF THE WORLD. From time to time strange tales are brough to the notice of the police, but on Wednesday a most unusual request was made to the Chie Police Officer, reports the Singapore Free Presi of 21st uito. Mr. G. McBreen, a clerk in the employ of the legal firm of Messrs. Parsons and Rhodes, reported that a mun named Alexander, was lying in a trance in his premises off the Bukit Timah Road, and said he would not be responsible for anything that happened. Inspector Wilson of Orchard Road station was despatched to the scene post haste with instructions to remove the man to the hospital. The officer found a European, well known in Singapore as "Prince Alexander Tsarv," lying on a bed in the servants' quarters, Pinned near the head was the following extraordinary

> "CAVE. NOTICE. INSTRUCTIONS TO GRAVE SECRETARY.

moved or interfered with nor subjected to any off shore carrying all possible appeals for aid have at different times jelt my body in a similar edudition and can return to it at any time I Entrance fees must accompany entry, other- long I may be absent.

Empress Road (Sd.) Alexander IX." saw his guest alive and well he was satisfied coast shipping, and we sincerely hope that the and was drowned. and the police officer had to leave without a system of responding signals at light-houses

the Empress Engaste at the public sale in Parts. | Department of the L.M. Complement of the

THE LIGHTING AND BUOYING OF CHINESE WATERS.

only be attributed to the ceaseless vigilance to the opium dens in the Settlement. and unerring skill of the masters and officers of ships which ply in these waters that the ward Grey has only taken the prudent course casualties to shipping are not three times as that we should expect from him upon a subject numerous as they are in the course of the year, in which there is room for wide differences of considering the way in which the publication opinion, Many people in China, Chinese as well which we are considering at the moment reveals as foreigners, are doubtless still highly sceptithat this most dangerous coast, with all its outlying groups of islets standing in the way of the strange or nowary navigator has been neglectcan only hope that the new spirit of reform which is abroad in every department of the public service in China will be productive ere long of some much-needed improvement in this most vital direction.

and buoys the coast of China and the course of the Yangtse River seem to be divided into the following Customs districts:

including the Hainan coast, and the coast from Waichow Island to Hailingshan.

The Kongmoon District, including the West River from Samchow to the sea with the .Gaemoon, the Fotomoon, and the Motomoon; the Kumchuk Creek: the Wangmoon approach to the West River, including Mahning Reach, Junction Channel, and Kerr Channel; and the creek

to the southward of the Wangmoon approach. The Samshui Customs District including the West River from Cock's Comb to Samchow and the Fatshan branch as far as its junction with the Shuntak branch.

The Wuchew Customs District including the West River from Wuchow to Cock's Comb. ... The Canton Customs District, including the coast from Hailingshan to 114 deg. E. longitude. The Swatow Customs District, including the coast from Mirs Point to the Lamocks.

The Amoy Customs District, including the coast from the Lamocks to Chaunchowfu-(Chipchew) The Foochow Customs District, including

the coast from Chuanchowin (Chinchew) to Ragged Point. The Santuao Customs District, including the

coast from Ragged Point to Namkwan. The Wenchow Customs District, including the coast from Namkwan to Taichow. The Ningpo Customs District, including the

coast from Taichow to Hangchow Bay. The Shanghai Custom's District, including the coast from Hangchow Bay to the mouth of the Yellow River, latitude 34 deg. N. and up the Yangtze to the Langshan Crossing The Chinkiang Customs District, including the Yangtze from the Langshan Crossing to

Nanking. The Wuhn Customs District, including the Yangtze from Nanking to Anking. The Kinklang Customs District, including

weakness of China, and the Dalai Lama,"the the Yangtze from Anking to where the Matsu-The Hankow Customs District, including

to pass with the pony on a sale. Any winner | eign influence and assistance to get rid of | The Yochow Customs District, (not yet de-

The Cheloo Customs District, including from the old mouth of the sellow River to the Tat-

The Tientsin Customs District, including the coast from the Tatsinho to Shanhaikwan. The Newchwang Customs District, including the coast from Shanhaikwan to Newchwang

and from Newchwang to Talienwan. The new List contains copious directions and explanations by which the mariner may know whether the buoys, beacons, etc., denoting the way into the various ports, are on port or starboard side of the proper course, and all the thousand and one other little hints as to. the position of wrecks and other obstructions

tive maps which accompany the List.

than any other assignable single cause. Thus, of this lighthouse on hearing a bell, toghorn, steam-whistle, or any other sound, during foggy | the vice the better our Chinese friends should or any thick weather, which shall indicate the be pleased .- China Gazette. proximity of a vessel, will fire two guns, with an interval of ten seconds between them, and, if the vessel's fog signal-showing that she is under way-is still heard, will repeat the firing after a space of ten minutes "-which may all be an excellent arrangement as long as one can be sure that the light-keeper will be able to hear the bell, fog-horn or whistle in time to give effective warning, But how about the times when he is not able to hear the cruel rocks below? Tragedies with instances which has been responsible for so many of ("Prince Alexander Teary," was formerly those grievous stories of the sea, will not for ADA Nicholas, a woman, residing at 27 well known here and in Sumatra as the Baron long retain a place in the Customs List of de Horn. Many years ago he bought with a Light-Houses, Buoy, etc.—for the welcome at Wanchaj, last Sunday, for demanding morn part of the large fortune his wife; brought him gift of a copy) of which we hereby tender out than his logal fare, and also for using appearance in thanks to that most admirably managed branch language. The accused was arraigned at the part of the Imperial crown jewels belonging to of a marvellously efficient service, the Statistical Police Cour, on Monday morning, and ordered to the hon, secretary or at the Hongkong Club, de Horn, Many years ago he bought with a Light Houses, Buoy, etc. for the welcome

OPIUM DENS IN SHANGHAI.

The question of licensed opium dens in According to the L. M. Customs List of Light- | the International Settlement of Shanghai has. Readers of the Hongkong Telegraph will re- Houses, Buoys, Beacons, etc., on the coasts according to a Reuter's telegram, been before collect that nearly a month ago the Chief Just and rivers of China, corrected up to the 1st | Parliament, and will come in for a greater tice (Sir Francis Piggott) ordered the arrest of December, 1907, which has just been issued, the share of public attention at home as soon as several Amoy merchants, who had come before | aidsto pavigation which the Poking Government | the ratepayers of the Settlement have expressed him as witnesses in an action in Original Juris- provides, under these heads, include a total of their views upon the subject. Bir Edward diction, on charges of perjury. The accused, 116 light houses, 5 light-vessels, 24 light-boats, Grey, the Under Secretary of State for Foreign 137 buoys, and Ito beacons, not a very Affairs, replying in Parllamont to Sir Henry generous provision, one cannot help thinking, Cotton, member for East Nottingham, who for a tortuous coast line extending roughly was doubtless auxious to know what steps through some twenty degrees of latitude, to say His Majesty's Government proposed to take nothing about the thousand miles odd of inland to bring the various British Settlements into waterways which the equipment just specified line with the rest of China in the treatment of has also to serve. We have long been under public opium smoking houses, said he conthe impression that the China coast was inade- sidered it advisable to await the result of the quately lighted and marked and the meagre forthcoming annual meeting of Shanghai Ratelist new issued confirms that opinion. It can payers before taking further action with regard

in adopting this attitude of caution Sir Ed-

cal about the bone fides of the Chinese Government and the officials in the reference to the suppression of the opium habit, and it is certain that ed in the matter of lights and buoys, and we there is a wide divergence between the different parts of China in the way the subject is treated by both officials and people. In some provinces, we know, the closing of the opium dens has only been used as a lever to extract fresh squeezes by the lower officials for wink-For the purposes of distribution of lights | ing at that re-opening of these vile resorts after a decent interval, when the fervour of the first wave of enthusiasm for reformation and regeneration has exhausted itself in the public The Pakhoi Customs District, including the | Durning of the pipes and lamps used by the vot. coast from the Tonkin frontier to Waichow aries of the accurses drug, while in other parts of the country we learn that the edict enjoining The Kiungchow (Hoihow) Customs District, the restriction of the area under poppy cula tivation by ten per cent annually is being met by the simple and practical Chinese expedient of planting the poppy seeds closer, so that the same crop of more may be grown upon a reduced area. But withal these tricks of the corrupt lower mandarinate, and allowing for the weakness of human nature, in the face of the threatened extinction of a widespread source of profit and for the deeply rooted passion of the infatuated people for a fatal pleasure, we cannot conclude anything else than that the local officials of Shanghai, under the wise guidance of the Viceroy of Nanking, are entirely in earnest in their efforts to carry out the Imperial behests upon the subject and to make the prohibition of the public smoking of the drug, at least, a genuine thing. The opium shops in the native city and suburbs under control of the Chinese officials bave most undoubtedly been shut up, and to all appearances permanently, while the few recalcitrant or tricky individuals who were found trying to surreptitiously re-open these resorts have been promptly and vigorously punished. Hitherto, however, the Municipal Council has refrained from taking any action in the matter of the public opium dens inside the Settlement, which have continued in operation, with a largely increased clientele, as a result of the closing of similar establishments in the native city and suburbs. With an air of polite incredulity and official scopticism as to the reality of the Chinese change of heart and policy upon the whole subject, not so very unnatural in the premises, our city fathers have so far done nothing one way or the other upon the subject; but judging by the hints conveyed to the public through the channels. by which the views of the Nine .. Wise Men of the Model Settlement are more or less permitted to express themselves, or in the other. quarter more immediately controlled by the particular hong, which just now dominates the Municipal body, we have been led to the conviction that the Council do not want to do any more than keep things as they are until a clear mandate is given by the Ratepayers upon the subject. We therefore await The Ichang Customs District, including the the appearance of the annual report and Yangtze, from Yochow to the gorge above budget with more interest than usual, in order to see how our legislators stand upon this question. That it is only a question of mere. dollars and cents after all is fortunate, for we feel sure that the Council as a body must sympathise with the heroic efforts that the Chinese are making in the matter of opium and the fact that the present Chairman of the Council is the head of the only European firm in China engaged in this now discredited trade will of course have no effect upon the proper solution of the problem. To make up a direct loss of over seventy thousand tack per annum from the public revenue might not be casy in other directions, but seeing how simple it is for the Council to transfer the present burden borne by the tenants of the opium smoking which it is necessary for him to know in order houses to the drug itself, by a tax upon every to navigate his ship safely. The exact position | chest of foreign and native opium entering the and full description of every light is minutely. Settlement for any purpose, we believe a comtabulated, and the circles within which each plete solution for the financial side of should be visible under normal condition are the question, is ready at hand. The bond carefully marked in colours on the very instruc- fides of the Chinese Government and officials in their public professions upon There is one thing to be noted in connection the whole question is beyond question and with the signals which the light-keepers are that being so we are sure no objection provided with for the purpose of warning thips would be brought forward by the Taoapproaching in loggy or stormy weather. They tai or higher officials if the Municipal Council are all of the responding description, a circum- of Shanghai, in order to belp the cause of stance which has been condemned again and opium suppression generally, were to impose again by competent authorities and which has such a tax per chest upon all opium brought been correctly held to be responsible for a larger into the Settlement as would bring in a return proportion of the casualties along this coast of seventy-thousand taels per annum to the Municipal exchequer. By such a measure a at Breaker Point, a most dangerous spot in the further check upon the facilities remaining to Swatow district, where there is a dioptric light opium smokers, after the suppression of the of the 1st order, we are told that "The keepers. public opium dens in the Settlement, would be imposed and the higher the tax levied upon

> HARBOUR FATALITY. THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILD DROWNED.

A sad case of drowning occurred in the harbour, at West Point, last Saturday morning. Three brothers, aged nine, five and three respectively, belonging to cargo-boat No. approaching sounds until it is too late for | 206, were sent ashore early in the morning During the time my body lies here in a him to do anything to turn the oncoming to play. This, it was stated, was about trance while I am engaged in attending to | vessel from her dangerous course? How often nine o'clock, About an hour later the affairs on the other side of the world it is my is this likely to be the case, let may reasonable eldest of the three seeing his opportunity request that my body shall in no wise be re- man ask himself, when a heavy gale is blowing, of making a few cents, hired himself to some cattlemen at the Cattle Depot, at Kennedy medical examination or treatment as it is per- or admonition which approaching ships can Town, to land's cargo of goats. Not very long fectly healthy and normal and though in make, away out seaward? How many times afterwards the second boy took himself off in a state of suspended animation like the has it happened, ask any old navigator or another direction, leaving the three-year-old winter sleep of animals and there is no light-keeper on the China coast, that the fellow to shift for himself. When they they fear of any catalepsy or hysterics as I first intimations which a light-keeper has turned in the afternoon he could not be received of the proximity of a ship, were found. He had not returned to the junk, dury the rending ochoes of her smashing hull, and | ing their absence. A prolonged search followchoose to while it in no wise suffers however the cries of dying men amid the hiss and ed, with the result that the youngster's corpse smother of the breakers dashing against the was found floating in the harbour. The police at No. 7 Station were notified and his remains While Inspector Wilson was endeavouring of this character standing out as their most removed to the morgue. It is believed that to move the body, the "Prince" sat up and prominent feature constitute a very long and while playing by himself during the absence asked what he wanted. When Mr. McBreen | melancholy tale indeed in the history of China | of his elder brothers, he fell into the harbons

Bowrington Road, had a ricksha coolin arrested

#### SANITARY BOARD.

FORTNICHTLY MEETING. The usual fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held, last Tuesday afternoon, when

the following business was conducted: DEAD BODIES. Correspondence relative to two dead bodies

being found it Blake Garden was submitted. It is appended.

"Inspector Warnock, of the Hongkong Police, whole on the 19th ultimo:—On the 12th instant two dead bodies were found in Blake Garden by Chinese constable 204; Wan Chi, rolled up in rack. One was a Chinese male, about one year; the other a Chinese female child, aged arrived by the s.s. Kennebec from Shanghai last about four years. No other bodies were found | Tuesday, and what makes the advent of this there. The bodies were not propped up on spats as stated.

Captain Lyons-For your information, and to circulate to members of the Board; and to communicate to the Press if you think fit. VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

The following application for permission to erect an additional water closet at the Victoria Recreation Club was tabled. The application was from Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs, dated noth ultimo, and read:-

Dear Sir,-On the 29th June we received permission to erect a water closet at the new club house at the end of Murray Pier now being erected for the Victoria Recreation Club. :We now request permission to erect two water closets in place of one, as per the plan

sent herewith, under the same conditions. We also request, permission to construct a shower bath in the room near the stairs on the plan sent herewith. The floor, and the walls to the height of five feet, to be lined with white

The Sanitary Surveyor minuted-I do not think there is any objection to having the extra-

CONSERVANCY HOAT STATION.

A complaint was received by the Medical Officer of Health from the residents of Queen's Street with reference to the conservancy boat station in the neighbourhood.

The M. O. H. suggests removing the station to Sutherland Street.

glazed tiles.

IO KAI-SHING'S RELEASE.

SINGAPORE COMMENTS,

However regarded, the decision of His Honour Sir Francis Piggott, Chief Justice of Hongkong, in the Swatow Reformer case is an important one. In Kai-shing, in whom as a former\_resident and merchant, Singapore has some interest, is a member of the Sun Yat-sen-Reform Party. As such, he participated in the abortive rebellion near Swalow last year, and on its failure fled for refuge to Hongkong. There he was arrested, at the instance of the Chinese provincial authorities, on a charge of being concerned in a certain armed gang robbery in which life was lost. Ample evidence was forthcoming to prove Iu Kai-shing's complicity to the police magistrate. Evidence of this sort is always readily available in China: remarks the Straits Times, and though his lawyers endeavoured to prove an alibi, and pleaded alternatively that their | China and Indo-China. The time of the arclient was a Reformer and was participa- rival of the Nestorians in China cannot be; ting in a justifiable protest against recognised | specified with certainty, but there is evidence order, In Kal-shing's extradition was ordered pointing as early as the year 505 A. D. The with the Reform movement in Singapore and cavated by Chinese labourers A. D. 1625, and Hongkong were sent to the Governor of Hong- the authenticity of the tablet has now been kong praying for lu Kai-shing's release. Mean- generally established. The stone is in very often that the decisions of Mr. A. G. Wise, the be interesting to read the full text of Sir Francis Piggott's judgment settingaside the previous It has been laid down by legal authorities that a prisoner whose extradition is sought can be tried only for the crime upon which extradition is granted; and it would appear from our telegram that no proper guarantee to this effect was given by the Imperial Government at Peking. This being so, Sir Francis Piggott apparently refused to recognise the Provincial authorities or to accept their guarantee. He also appears to have doubts | which characters were written that they could about the evidence accepted by the police ma-

when we see the text of the judgment.

Naturally, there will be great rejoicing

amongst the Reformers over the release of lu Kai-shing. It will be well for them to moderate their enthuslasm, however, for it does not follow that because they have been successful in this 'Instance'they will'be at liberty to make hostile 'now stands. incursions into Chinese territory, burn, harry and slay to their heart's content and then seek an asylum in some adjacent British Colony. I those tactics were allowed, it is extremely likely that the British Government, would soon find itself involved in serious difficulties with the Imperial Chinese Government. As the position stands, if the constituted Chinese authorities choose to take umbrage at the Hongkong decision, they could make matters extremely unpleasant for British diplomacy. and the position of the British people in China would be made far from safe. In time, as China gathered military strength, our northern Colonies would be placed in serious jeopardy, and so, either sooner or later, and probably sooper than later, the British Government, in defence of its own interests, would be compelled to close the doors of the Colonies to the Reform Party, either as agitators for political changes in China or refugees who have taken part in rebellious operations in China itself. There is no lack of sympathy with the Reform movement in the British Colonies, but personal and national interests have to be considered, and it is conceivable that a community may find itself compelled to appeal to the Government to legislate against the intrusion of aliens, whose conduct is likely to embroll the Colony with the Chinese authoritius. These remarks we are impelled to make in view of the presence in the community of ione, of the ablest and most serious of the as possible he engaged the services of a skilled Reform Party. Our sympathies are with Sun Chinese draughtsman and four stone-cutters. Wat-sen and his party, but our faith in their, explained to them what he wanted, and made success is weakened by the failure of past is bargain to pay them Tis, 150 for an exact campaigns. Their influence, however, has not copy of the famous Tablet. The contractors. been altogether without effect in China; That |as they may be called, were obliged to proceed of age, was, about a fortnight ago, amuscountry is moving toward reform, slowly it with the task very cautiously indeed. First of ling her employer's children on the stairmay be, but, nevertheless, it moves. Would all a suitable piece of stone had to be procured, case of the house-ra, Morrison Streettwhot be wiser if the Reformers changed their Mr. von Holm stipulating for a slab of the when she overbalanced herself and fell down plan of campaigning other reformers have had same material and dimensions as the original; about ten steps, injuring her spine. She was to do before them, and directed their efforts This being procured, it had to be conveyed to placked up and returned to the house for treatmore to the spread, of doctrinaire teaching la shed without attracting notice, which was mentil Her condition gradually became worse, amongst the people of China instead of at-4 done; it then had to be shaped and dressed, whill on Friday last when it was deemed adtempting to subject this dynasty by abortive and afterwards the 'stone-cutters, chiselling' wisable to soud the hospital. It was a subject to be the process in from the marvellously accurate drawings of too late, however, and the unfortunate kind the Lide of I pachyderm? The peril of In the Chinese dranghtsman, slowly and tediously expired the following day from the affects of Kai-shing should teach a lesson.

THE HOLM-NESTORIAN BXPEDI-TIUNS TO SI-AN-FU 1907.

MR. FRITS V. HOLM IN HONGKOND.

Readers of the Hongkong Telegraph will recall a brief report reproduced in these columns fromthe Hankow Daily News of the Holm-Nestorian "xpeditions to Signofu in 1907. Mr. Holm has spent a whole year in his researches and his enterprise has been characterized by Mr. J. O. P. Bland, whose name is now familiarly associated with the British and Chinese Corporation, as "a hithertouncultivaed industry." Mr. Frits v. Holm. M.R.A.S who is a young Danish journalist and traveller, member of the fourth estate so interesting, is the fact that he has brought with him all the way down from Si-an-fu an" exact, replica of the historical Nestorian tablet which he taking with him to New York, his ultimate. destination. In conversation with a representative of this journal this morning it was suggested to Mr. Holm that he migh favour Hongkong residents with an account of his interesting travels. Although the journalist expressed every desire to please it was to be feared that his early departure for Manila, thence via Singapore and Suez to America, may render it impracticable for Mr. Holm to. lecture in the Colony on a subject of absorbing interest to seekers after Eastern lore. the Committee of the Hongkong Odd Volumes Society can prevail upon our visitor to recount some of his experiences-and possibly difficulties-in pursuing his original mission after a most venerable monument of a half-forgotten sect of Christianity, Hongkong residents will be able to learn from Mr. Holm himself, a narrative which, by his courtesy, we are enabled to reproduce from a northern con-

sentative to-day, his quest and find. Mr. von Holm's prize, which is an absolutely perfect replica of the famous monument, consists of a huge slab of granite, or coarse marble, taken from the same quarry as the material of the Tablet itself. It measures oft, bin, in height, 3ft. in width and 12in. in thickness, and weighs two tons; so that one can wel believe .. Mr. , von .. Holm's statement that its transportation from Si-an-fu in Shensi to Hankow, the port of shipment, was a maddening undertaking: Yesterday (Feb. 25 morning it was hoisted out of the hold of the Loongoo into a cargo-boat alongside, and transhipped in the afternoon to the s.s. Kennebec. by which it is to be taken to New York, where Mr. von Holm will probably lecture on it. The hoisting and transhipping of such a huge slab. of stone-the dimensions just given do not include the wedge shaped prolongation at the bottom by which it is to be secured in the ground when placed upright in position,—was a thing to turn the anxious owner's hair grey. .

temporary-the Shanghai Times-to which Mr.

Holm related, as he did briefly to our repre-

It may here be convenient to give a short account of the original Tablet before we proceed to sketch Mr. von Holm's adventures in obtaining the replica. The earliest recorded attempt to preach Christianity in China ascribes it to the efforts of the Nestorian Church, in the VII. century, though tradition suggests that not many years clapsed from the times of the Apostles before the Gospel was preached in higher court, and petitions from sympathisers | tablet we are discussing was accidentally ex-

while, the accused merchant was kept in gaol. | good condition, and recent rubbings taken The Pulsne Judge upheld the decision of the from it are nearly perfect. The inof the hearing on this last appeal. The Court | English version this last being his own. The | enthusiasm and confidence, and but give a different view of the meaning of some Puisne Judge, are upset, and it will therefore | parts of it." Briefly stated, however, the inillustrious religion and an ode, together with

world. In the latter year it was accidentally discovered lying face downwards below the surface of the ground by some Chinese workmen who were engaged in the erection of a new building. These workmen hastened to the Governor telling him they had found a memorial slab on gistrate; but this point will be better elucidated | the stone and " with great reverence," according to an ancient chronicle, "caused it to be placed on a fair pedestal," on which it stood until the 2nd October, 1907, when the present Governor of Shensi, H.E. Chao, had it removed, together with its pediment, a stone tortoise, into the Peilin; or "forest of tablets" where it

THE BEGINNING OF THE QUEST.

Mr. Frits von Holm, who was formerly correspondent of the London Tribune in China, prior to which period he had received an offi cer's education in the Danish Navy, was already a traveller and explorer of repute when he entered on this latest mission. It was in London in the early part of last year that he formed the idea of procuring a replica of the famous Tablet with the scientific and historical value of which he had made himself acquainted during his previous residence in this country. Obtaining the support of some friends, whom he persuaded of the feasibility of his plans he came out to China again, and proceeded to Tientsin where he completed his final preparations for the expedition. He left Tientsin in company with two Chinese attendants, an interpreter and a boy, on the 2nd May, 1907, and travelled in house-boat to Taku where the Peking Syndicate had an establishment, and thence confluved his journey on horseback werfward via Weichingfu and Honanfu, where he organised a regular little caravan. Setting out again when all was ready, he reached his destination. Bi an fu, on the 30th May, and then proceeded cautiously to put his long cherished plan intoexecution.

THE MAKING OF THE REPLICA. Taking up his quarters as unostentationally proceeded with the task of carving it.

The foreigners in Sian, missionaries all, with one exception, did not view the enterprise with any great favour; but no opposition was offered and at length it was finished.

THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY Mr. von Holm was then in Hankow, having gone there for various reasons, among then ill-health, after the work had been fairly set i train in Sian. On bearing of the completion of the undertaking, he hastened back to the Shensi capital, invited the Chinese officials inspect the replica, which they did, and finally after much negotiation gave him permission t take it away, Mr. v. Holm, it may be mention; ed, is the only foreigner so far, who has been received by the officials of the Shensi Foreign Office in their yamen, where he was most cout teously and considerately treated by the pre sident and members of the Provincial Board of

Foreign Affairs. The conveyance of the great stone from Sign to Hankow was an immense undertaking First of all it took 64 coolies to lift it from the ground and place it on the heavy cart which had been specially constructed to carry it to Chengchow, Honan, where it was put on a railway truck and by that means taken to Hankow.

UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES. · Here, according to statements made by Mr. von Holm himself, his troubles really began, and strange to relate, it was not from Chinese officials they proceeded," but from the foreign Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Aglen, Fe some unexplained reason this gentleman scired the stone and impounded it, instructing Messrs, Jardine, Matheson and Co. not to let it leave their godown on any account until they heard further from him.

Sir Robert Hart, who knew Mr. v. Holm's enterprise, issued instructions that the stone was to be restored to Mr. von Holm, for him to do what he liked with it.

THE PRIZE SECURED.

Mr. von Halm then returned to Hankow obtained possession of the great piece of work once more shipped it on board the Loongwo and brought it down to Shaughai, where, as we have seen; it was, put on board the sis. Kenne-

bee for final conveyance to New York. Mr. von Holm has suffered considerably health by the fatigue, exposure and anxieties such a remarkable expedition, and that he h been able to accomplish the object of the mit sion single-handed is a proof of dogged grit i the face of difficulties, and fertility of resource in overcoming them, which few men could show similiar circumstances.

A LOST OFFORTUNITY.

It is a pity that this fine piece of work could not be exhibited in Shanghai. The China Branch of the R.A.S. would have shown it their rooms and, perhaps, induced Mr. von Holm to deliver a short lecture regarding it,which Mr. von Holm, notwithstanding an engaging quality of shyness and diffidence which, with all his enterprise and daring possesses him when talking about his exploits, might have done-but that the exigencies of shipment stood in the way. The stone, as we have seen, weighs two tons, and it was found necessary to stow it away in a corner by itself on board the Kennebec, in a part of the hold which is not accessible when the other cargo was put on board.

SUN YET-SEN.

as rather a joke, and even now the frequent | they sent the handsome craft through the cries "he is here," "he is there " contribute to | water toward the opening in the breakwater. a sense of incredulity which mitigates against by the magistrate. An appeal was made to the | only Nestorian record found in China-the | his being taken seriously: 'Yet from the day of his arbitrary arrest in London, he has been an influence, and an influence which is steadily increasing. In the course of his many wanderings, depending largely at times on foreign assistance to escape his enemies, he has Maritima. learned a great deal, and though not a man of magistrate, and, then, after a prolonged discus- scription on it, which is in Chinese, with great mental powers, he is evidently not lackaion of authorities, the Full Court allowed an la few lines in Syriac, has often been ling in those qualities which go to make a appeal against this decision. The Special Tele- translated. "In 1845 Dr. Bridgeman publish- leader of men. He is possessed of considerable gram which we publish to-day gives the result | ed a Latin version, a French version and an | ability to inoculate others with his own of Appeal in Hongkong is constituted by the style is very terse, and the exact meaning not his personal influence on his followers he Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge, and as the leasily perceived. As Dr. Bridgeman says: | would long since have fallen into official Chief Justice has a casting vote his decision is | " Were a hundred Chinese students employed | clutches. The Chinese are very susceptible to accepted as the finding of the Court. It is not on the document they would probably each a steadily maintained argument, and his patient persistence has had its effect. Had he rushed into drastic schemes like Kang Yu-wei did his scription consists of a preface, an eulogy of the. followers would have betrayed him long ago. It has been reported from time to time that he decisions and allowing Ju Kai-shing his liberty. I the names, of the Syrian priests, sixty-seven in and Kang are working together, but though in strong sympathy on the head of reform they are The date of its erection is 781 A. D., be- | diametrically opposed as to the methods by which tween which and the year 1625 it was lost to the it may be brought about. It seems possible that of late the two men have ceased to thwart each other's plans as they appeared to do at one time, and probably both are more or less directly responsible for the wholesale smuggling of arms which is being carried on in various parts of the country. The people have no money for railways, nor indemnities, nor charities, but not understand. The Governor then inspected for the acquiring of illicit arms there appears | Occident arrived at the Legaspi landing a few atmosphere is most favourable for deterior. to be no lack. The recent arrest of the Taism the old Blue Funnel Polyphemus, has thrown question, as although the vessel is said to have reach the revolutionaries. The affair has Weigel, and Mr. Nolting.

There can be no doubt that the auxiety felt they but knew how to do it. The want of comvelop into a warlike people, they may and tal royalties set foot upon Oriental ground. probably will, bound together by 'a common to shake the official system to its foundation and even overthrow it .- P. and T. Times.

MAID SERVANT'S DEATH.

SPINE INJURED IN A FALL

After being confined to bed for a matter of she had sustained in a fall, Wong Kwai Ho, a maid servant, in the employ of Mr. Ng Ah Tai, formerly compradors of the Italian Far Rasters Trading Company, died in hospital on Saturday last. The girl, who was about eight years her in uries.

#### THE MANICA CARNIVAL. THE WATER PARADE.

At 5.00 p.m. on the 28th uit, a salute from the three cruisers in the bay-he Rainbow. Chalanooga, and Galveston-announced the arrival of the King and Queen of the Occident in Manila bay. At the same time the whistles of the launches responded and pandemonium reigned. The decorated launches and craft of the King and Queen of the Orient has managured for some time within the breakwater awaiting a signal that the King and Queen of the Occident had arrived and a five o'clock the whistles from the launches announced their majorties arrival in the outer bay. Several large vessels in the bay also assisted in heralding the approach of the King and Queen. The meeting of their majestics took place just at the entrance to the breakwater. The cruisers and ships in the bay were dressed for the occasion and the decorations of the launches and barges did credit to those who had the work in charge.

THE CUSTOMS' WHALE. Among the decorations was a customs launch representing a large whale of the cachalot variety. A red cavernous month and a hump like a camel gave it rather a ferocious appearance. From a capacious hole topsides.

panied by a faithful servitor and two mermaids. casco dressed to represent an aquatic bird, covered with arboreal decorations, the green worse, a naphthalene atmosphere being apeffect of which was relieved by festoons and parently fatal to these insects. When these are garlands of brilliantly coloured drapery, car- killed in the manner recommended by Dr. T. pival hues predominaling.

JAPANESE FLEET.

The Japanese had a number of water cra typical of that country with hundreds of sunburst flags fluttering to the breeze.

The launch Sontua, of Sontua and Company, was dressed to represent a large Chinese dragon, painted red white and blue its mouth filled with jagged tusks and was one of the most pretentious floats and also one of the prettiest in the water parade. Noticeable by its diminutive size was a little cance, "bui just for me and for you," the occupants being a"lady and gentleman costumed in carnival colours. The canon itself was also very daintily dressed. A large cormorant built on'a launch looked very realistic, even the feathers being delineated faithfully and conscientiously. The name of the launch was not visible. Mount Vernon Rye was well advertised in the water parade, a launch displaying large posters or which, were portrayed two large bottles of th well known brand being in the line of craft of the King and Queen of the Orient.

CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. -The Chinese Chamber of Commerce had an excellent counterfeit presentment of a lobster, whisker and all, on the launch Rival. A Celestial gong and band on board the launch discoursed wild Boxer strains reminiscent of 1900. Inchausti and Company had a launch decorated with carnival colours and showing a large demijohn, advertising their distillery. On the outside of the breakwater and in the craft of the King and Queen of the Occident were a number of artistically decorated launches and barges. One of the most artistic of all the floats was a rakish looking galley with 'A few years ago Dr. Sun Yet-son was treated | rowers making long sweeps with their ours as The name shown on the stern of the galley was Nuestra Senora del Garmen. Another craft worthy of mention was the floating representation of a lighthouse on a rock which was among the most artistically decorated craft in the bay. This was the float of the Compania

> THE KING-AND QUEEN ARRIVE. It was about 4.30 o'clock when the King and Queen of the Occident occupied their throne on the stern of the royal barge and gave the order for the procession to start. The barge was towed by the launch Isabel. The constabulary band was stationed in the how of the royal barge and the 9th cavalry trumpeters on.

100,000 IN WAITING.

The Manila Times reports: Thousands of surging humanity crowded along the edge of the Luneta fill, the banks of the inner basin where the landing was to be made, and along the road leading to the Legaspi landing, to get a glimpse of the royal party. Never before had. so many people gathered together in this city on any occasion and while it is impossible to state the exact number of people who were on the Luneta and the new-made land, a conservative estimate would be from 50,000 to 100,000.

THE MONAPCH WELCOMED.

The barges containing the King and Queen of the Orient and the royal personages of the be left open occasionally, as a damp still minutes after six o'clock. The King and ation. In damp climates pictures would be Maru, under which name many will recognise | Queen of the Orient stepped on board the | greatly protected by arranging a receptacle royal barge of the King and Queen of the on the back, so as to expose the print to the a strong side light, on the arm smuggling Occident and welcomed them with true Oriental vapour of naphthalene, As in hot climates warmth, after which the entire royal assem- naphthalene balls of ordinary size volatilise cleared herself and shown that the arms were blage landed at the pier and were received by somewhat quickly-usually under a year-it an ordinary consignment, there are certain the carnival committee composed of Major W. has been found, to save trouble, to use large circumstances which point to the fact that a W. Brown, in his old time regimentals, Judge blocks instead: A piece 4 ins. square will last portion at least of the arms were destined to Gilbert, Dr. Reno, Dr. Guerney, Captain at least five years, but a stock of pieces 2 ins.

arms to be quietly run ashore from such a automobiles which were awaiting their arrival position as she occupied under stress of weather and the procession then started for the Dr. T. E. Thorpe, C.B., F.R.S., has pointed and the presumption is not far fetched, that grandstand on the Luneta. Preceding the jout that, or the treatment of books and papers arms in bulk do reach the rebels from similar, monarchs was the famous Ninth Cavalry already infested with insects the evidence availtrumpet corps, which was followed by the able is in favour of carbon disulphide. He rescout band and company, commanded by commends that the various articles be lightly. in Peking is a genuine and not a groundless [ Lieutenant Pagelow. They were followed in disposed in a chamber made as airtight as one, for the people have all the will to rise if turn by a platoon of constabulary under the possible and exposed for, say, twenty-lour command of Captain Quion and the band of hours, to the insecticide placed in saucers. For bination and continuity have saved China the second constabulary district, which was, a chamber 5 by 3 by 3 ft, a breakfast saucer many times and will probably save her many brought to Manila for this occasion. The can- half filled with the liquid may be uted. His times again. But it is unwise in these days to | nons boomed and belched their smoke and instructions include a warning that care must count on past precedents too entirely. As flame from batteries on shore and the sea be taken to ensure the complete absence of China is changing in so many respects she may seemed alive with shrill shricks, from the syrens disulphide vapour before a light be brought change, indeed must eventually change even and other high-keyed whistles from the hun- near the room or receptacle.-Mr. Frank in this, and though the Chinese may never de- dreds of water craft in the bay as the Occiden- Browne, Government Analyst, in Pharmaceu-

The terrible jam of people on the fill blocked sense of wrong, some day combine sufficiently | the way of the royal procession to the grandstand; many of those riding in line got out of the carriages and pushed their way through the crowd to the Luneta.

The monthly competition against Boger for the Saunders' Farewell Cup was held at Happy some ten days, suffering from injuries which Valley between February 29th and March 2nd. The following cards were returned:-SAUMDERS' YAREWELL CUP ..

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A.C. Sandford	(15) 3 down
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	neer of Cup.
A CONTROL OF THE SECOND SECTION AND ADDRESS.	三面 東京 「日本」 本 女子を取りています。 とうけっぷりょうか

#### THE PRESERVATION OF BOOKS IN HOT CEIMATES.

Since the publication of my article on this subject in The Pharmaceutical Journal of July (1, 1903; further information has been obtained. and is now recorded. It is well known that books in hot climates quickly deteriorate unless carefully seen after. There are five destructive agencies which have to be guarded against (1) damp (2) a small black insect (anobium) (3) cockmaches, (4) the silver fish (Lepisma), and (5) the white aut.

(1) Books which are kept in a damp atmosphere deteriorate on account of moulds and fungi, which grow rapidly when the conditions are favourable. When there has been a prolonged spell of moist weather their covers should be wiped, and they should be placed in the sun or before a fire for a few hours. Damp also causes the bindings and leaves of some books to separate.

(2) The anobium, or bookworm, is a small black bettle, 1 in. long and 1/16 in. broad; it is very destructive, and books will be found, if reft untouched, after a few months, to have numerous holes in the covers and leaves sufficiently large for the animal to pass through. If this insect be allowed plenty of time for its ravages it will make so many holes that bindings, originally strong, can be easily torn there occasionally spouted a ten foot-high in pieces. A book containing them should streamof sea water-this when Old Neptune, be at once separated from others, otherwise all Mike " Toomey, got busy. He was accuma are likely to become similarly affected. Sound books kept in a closed bookcase in which Barar Siglo XX was represented by a large maphthalene balls are placed do not become damaged, and a damaged book does not ge E. Thorpe, C.B., FR.S., and as described

below, it is well to do it in the coldest part of the year, as on the approach of hot weather these insects are frequently found roaming from their borings. Recently the authority above quoted has drawn attention to the usefulness for insects of a paint, recommended in 1888 by the British Consul at Swatow. is composed of 5 drachms of corrosive sublimate and 60 drops of wood creosote in a quart of rectified spirit. This preparation can be used with advantage against all insects. Cockroaches prefer starvation to eating covers protected with it.

(3) The appearance of a fine binding may The lettering of the binding may, in two or three days; be completely obliterated. good protective is the paint mentioned in foreign commerce, trade with China becoming (1), or books may be coated with a hard-the harder the better-varnish. In Hongkong cheap kind made by Chinese and sold at about od a pint is as good as any. From information obtained at the factory it is said to consist

Shellac ..... 30 parts Common resin,..... 40 parts Gum thus...... 60 parts Spirit of wine ...... 320 parts

The resins are finely powdered, and pine leaves and other impurities are removed from the thus by sieving, after which they are macer ated in the spirit for several weeks. An analysis during the third quarter of the yeer, several of, of this quickly drying varnish gave 28 per cent of resinous matter-a result quite consistent with the stated composition. This varnish does not keep out the anobium insect and the addition-of-corresive sublimate to does no good, as the mercury salt is re duced to caldmel. Some persons use the paint on the book first, and afterwards varnish,

Attention is drawn to the above-mentioned paint and vamish, rather than to the preparation mentioned in the original paper, because the former are cheaper, more easily procurable and as efficacious.

(4). The silver fish, though preferring paper, will attack wood or cloth. It does not bore, but grazes the surfaces of paper. Naphthalene keeps it away.

(5) White auts are usually detected by their traces before they get into bookcases. The practice of raising all movable furniture 2 or ins, from the floor, so as to give an air-space, is most useful, and is indispensable in he climates. With books protected by naphthalene vapour these insects need not be feared. solution of asphaltum in coal tar naphtha (1 in 5) painted on the well-seasoned wood has been found a good protective, so it mentioned should there beany desire to coat the interior of book receptacles with some suchmaterial. Probably a coating of well-boiled tar would prove as useful, but either coating unnecessary except in very special circum-

General Suggestions,—Where it is necessary to keep books or paper of any description in boxes, cupboards, or closed bookcases; some naphthalene balls should be always present with them, and there will be no damage from insects and very little from damp. 'In 'dry weather the doors of closed bookcases should square together with some balls of ordinary shown that it is possible for steamer loads of The two royal couples were escorted to size would probably be more convenient for general purposes,

tical Journal.

According to the recent memorial from the Controller-General of the Shuiwuchu, Robert Hart has only been given one year's leave to visit England on account of his health though he asked for two. The reason given, writes the Peking correspondent of the N. C.D. News, is that his services are still indispensable in Peking. The Inspector-General has now handed over his duties to Sir R. E. Bredon, but this involves so much work that the substitution will not be entirely arranged until next month. The date of Sir Robert Hart's departure for Europe has, therefore, not yet been definitely fixed.

H.E. Na Tung, Grand Secretary of State, and new Controller-General of the Shulwuchp, is reported to have asked H.R. Youn Shu-baun (formerly Customs Taotal of Shanghai), civil-Governor of Peking, to assist him in the and Museum for the week and he the last administration of the Revenue Council of the, Imperial Maritime Customs on account of his ignorance, of tariff affairs, It is stated that the Manchil Grand Secretary will request the Throne to appoint Yuan as Assistant Controller-General if he agreed to help him.

#### THE BANK OF JAPAN.

CHINA TRADE ALARMINGLY DEPRESED.

The 51st ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Nippon Ginko was held on the 15th ultimo, when the president delivered the following address :---

During the first term of last year financial.

circles experienced intense depression on

account of the heavy fall in bonds and shares. Although the market revived a little during the latter half, a check was again experienced as the result of the financial panic in the United States and the depreciation of copper, so that the money market and the business prospects alike continued in a state of depression. The bonds and shares which had reached abnormally high prices during the previous year underwent a sudden all at the end of January, as the result of which not a few of those chiefly interested were reduced almost to the verge of ruin. These facts not only affected the parties interested. but in addition to that the banks connected with them feth into difficulties. As you are aware, many rumours were set in circulation which led to runs on some of the banks, and there were not a few banks which, although in a perfectly sound state, yet fell victims to the previlling nervousness. Such being the state of affairs, it is not surprising to find that several of the banks had to ask for assistance from the Nippon Ginko, and although the bank determined upon the policy of giving necessary succour so far as circumstances would allow, it is to be sincerely regretted that during the months of May and June the calls on some of the banks became so great that those which were on an unstable basis were obliged to close their doors. During the latter part of June some of the prominent bankers, advocated the advisability of advancing cash to those enterprises which on mature consideration had satisfactory prospects, and this policy being adopted it had the salutary effect of setting the popular mind at ease. About the same time, however, financial circles in the United States, which had been showing signs of uneasiness on account of the depreciation in the price of copper and fluctuations in the share market, fell into a state of wildest papic. Our export trade with the States experienced a sudden setback, this being noticeable both in regard to silk and other articles of export. These facts, coupled with, he destroyed in a single night by cockroaches, the renewed fall in the price of silver on account of the Indian Government stopping the purchase of the metal, was a great blow to our alarmingly depressed. The unusual phenomenon of the excess of imports over exports at the season when the exports should have been in excess was witnessed. Depression again set in, and business circles, which had shown signs of revival, once more fell into a state of depression, and thus the year was passed.

The demand for money from the Nippon Bank during the year has been considerable, both in rendering assistance to other banks and also in making advances for silk and other commodities. On the other-hand, when the money market began to show signs of revival the newly-promoted enterprises commenced work and the money deposited with the banks began to be gradually withdrawn. Moreover, the financial panic in the States and the fall in the price of silver caused a great accumulation of commodities intended for export to America and China, which was another main cause for the demand for money. Coupled with the rise in the rate of interest in the European and American money markets as the result of paoie in the States, there was the circumstance to be faced that not a few of the foreign banks were exporting their gold to Europe and merica, which had the effect of making

money tight also in Japan. These facts taking place just at the period when money was in great demand in the provinces for the harvesting of rice and other cereals caused the banks, which were at one time inclined to be more liberal, to again raise their rates of interest, and the current bank rate -until then not very different from that of the Nippon Ginko-was, at the end of November, raised to a marked degree. Your directors, deeming it necessary that the Bank should have recourse to some step for the protection of its interest in the circumstances decided upon the course of raising the rate of interest on December 4th. Since then the demand for money has greatly increased the balance of the Bank's advances at the end of December amounting to Y130,000,000 and the amount of convertible notes to Y369,000,000," a

When we turn our attention to the state of toreign trade during the last year it will be teen, that the total amount was Y016,880,000. of which Y432,410,000 represents exports and Y491,460,000 imports. Compared with the previous year the total foreign trade shows an increase of Y84,347,000-Y8,650,000 in exports and Y75,680,000 in imports.

It is a matter for congratulation that in spite of the general depression during the whole of last year our foreign trade should show such satisfactory results, notwithstanding the fact that there has been an excess of imports over exports to the amount of You,000,000 as the result of the check to our foreign commerce since October last on account of the panic in the States and the fall of silver. If however, the varieties of commodities are carefully examined there will be found a decrease in such articles as cotton thread, habutae, and sugar, while silk, copper, coal, cotton yarn, and lumber show an increase compared, with the previous year, this in spite of the check experienced at one time. Again, with regard to the imports, such articles as raw cotton, beapcakes, iron, machinery, and wonl show an increase. while sugar, cotton thread, cotton yarn, and textiles show signs of decrease. It is a hopeful sign:that there is an increase in raw, materials and a decrease in commodities intended for

According to investigations we have made the total authorised capital and extension of existing companies during last year, amounted to approximately Y520,000,000, of which more than Y200,000,000 was paid up. When we remember how the shares of new companies have come into disrepute since the beginning of last year, this fact testifies to the soundness and promising nature of the enterprises; and the increase in the development of our catural resources thereby is beyond doubt. It is evidently due to this fact that notwithstanding the serious check to our foreign trade last year there was an aggregate increase. The future prosperity of the national finance depends upon the increase of the country's production, and it is a matter of sincere congratulation for the State that such has been' actually proved by facts. Viewed from the standpoint of national expansion, however, the result attained cannot be desired more than one step forward, and the people as a whole, both official and private, should exert, all their energies for the further development of the nation's resources .- Jopan Chronicle,

PETURN of visitors to the City Hall Library

LEGISLATICES COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber fast Thursday, Present :- His Excellency the Goveruor. Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.O., Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.O., (Colonial Secretary), Hon, Mr. W. Roos Privies (Attorney General) Hun, Mr. A. M. Thomson (Colonial Treasurer) Hop. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works), Hon. Capt. Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N., (Harbour Master), ton. Mr. A. W. Brewin (Registrar-General), Hon, Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.O., Hon. Mr. Henry Keswick, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. E. Osborde and Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (Clerk of Councils).

His Excellency Major-General R. G. Broad

wood, C.B., (Officer Commanding the Troops). Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

JURY LIST. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Jury List for 1908.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table report of the Finance Committee (No. 3). FINANCIAL MINUTE.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minute No. 8. . It was agreed that it be referred to the Finance Committee. PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and The Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance, 1903. . . The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was rend a first time. .

CHINESE EMIGRATION ORDINANCE. The Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Chinese Emigration Ordinance, 1889. The Director of Public Works seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Council was adjourned until this day

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the meeting of Council the Colonial Secretary presiding. It was agreed to recommend that the following vote be adopted by the Council :--

TYPHOON DAMAGE.

A sum of twenty-two thousand one hundred dollars in aid of the vote, Public Works Recurrent, iniscellaueous, typhoon and rainstorm,

This was all he business.

ID KAI SHING. THE COSTS OF THE TRIAL.

'On the 5th last, m, the Shift rate Could, the United in successful the Jourse of the presiding, the question of coars in the and drawn, out tricted the seator relatment has Karshinger

The Lores Davier (Attorney-Grantal), in-Strate of he Co. P. B L. Bowley Crown ! olici-...) speared to sup its the spolication on be-Police Crown. Sir Henry Herkeley, K.C. 'me ed by ar, Our Kong Sing, represented

y a c bog the strongerellevers stated that he had gorn very confully man the authorities on the sat less and had found that the Court could use his discrement to a said ofts in the matter.

The Chief lumco -- Against the Crown? The altorney-Gone all observed that that was the point. The question was against whom

The Chief Justice did not know what was the mutheds of costs. Sir Henry Berkeley called the attention of the Court to his application.

The Chief Justice-I have seen it. Sir Henry said the Court had heard what the Attorney General said as regards the discretion

of the Court in awarding costs. that the Court had jurisdiction.

corpus is a civil proceeding. Sir. Henry opined that it was, It was a proceeding, he said, to release a man who was held on a cuminal charge.

raised by the defence before Mr. Justice Wise were not those on which the man-was released. that if the points had been laid before him as. they were subsequently he would have found differently. On the merits of the case, he said. the Crown won all round. In the application for costs the Court was asked to give same Wright of the s.s. Lienshing, and other friends, against the Superintendent of the Victoria Gaol. and he did not know if costs were awarded how it would take. .. He .thought it would be against the Government. In this case the Superintendent of the Victoria Gaol was acting in obedience to the warrant and no order for costs could be entered against him. If the desence had, a right to apply for costs they also had a right to bring an action for false impri-

The Chief Justice, - I see. In this case it the Crown or nothing. if costs lie against an official; who was acting on the order from the Court, it would open the door to false, imprisonment proceedings. He was obliged to concede that it was left to the discretion of the Court to award costs; but he thought that this was not a case in which costs

should be awarded at all. The Court dicided that all coits should be given against the Crown. Sir Henry-Including costs in the Court | manner.

The Chief Justice-Yes. BANKRUPICY.

ORDER FOR ADJUDICATION.

The case of Mr. Herbert Stephens, who is connected with the firm of Howard and Company, came before the Bankruptcy Court for

adjudication on the oth inst. The Official Receiver (Mr. f. H. Kemp) stated that a report was on file showing the goods belonging to the applicants. There were three meetings of creditors held, he said, only cone creditor appearing at the first meeting, which was held during the latter part of January. That creditor was Mr. R. C. Hurley, who claims \$200. The debtor was anxious to propose a scheme, but as the principal creditors were in Europe it would take time id get the scheme approved. He suggested salling the goods in handand winding up the concorn, He neked for the necessary order. Me r. Crist, whin appeared for the debtor, thought thill If the matter was dealt with by

adjudication it would give the Official Receiver

time to deal with the matter.

The coder was granted

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-ninth meeting of shareholders in the China Fire Insurance Co., Ld., was held at the Company's offices, at noon, to-day (5th inst.); for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the directors for the year ending 31st December, 1907, Mr. Kobt. Shawan (chairman of Directors) presided. There were present :- Messrs. E. Shellim, A. Fuchs, W. Helms, H. W. Slade, G. Friesland, (Directors) G. L. Tomlin (Secretary), K. D. Guzdar, J. Orange, J. M. E. Machado, A. H. M. da Silva, Chun Pat, and H. F. Hickmann.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting. The .. Chairman .said :- Gentlemen,-The

directors' report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission, adopt the usua system of taking them as read. No doubt" the declaration of a \$6 dividend and \$2 bonus," the same as last year, came to maby of you as a surprise; but, as we had made it, we determined to keep up the record and pay the same dividend, and so we are only adding \$25,648.10 to extra reserve fund. It is certainly true that we watch our teserve fund closely, and try to increase it gradually, but when we added \$90,000 to it last year, we could afford to do less this time. The year 1906 did not work out as well as we could have hoped, as the losses were extraordinarily heavy; but this is what must be expected to happen occasionally. You will notice from our list of agents that we are now working in Japan, Bombay and Java, where we trust to do well. Looking at our working account for 1907, you will notice that the sum carried forward of \$372,432.78 shows a gain of \$9,452.13 over that of the previous year, which must be considered satisfactory. The company's surveyors

have reported on the properties under mortgage to us; and we are satisfied that we have ample margin in all cases. Before moving the adoption of the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year 1907, I shall be happy to answer any questions that may be put relate ing to the business before the meeting. There were no questions.

The Chairman moved, and Mr. Orange seconded, the adoption of the report and Carried manimously.

Mr. Machado moved the confirmation of the appointments as directors of Messis. E. Shellim, A. Fuchs, W. Helms, H. W. Slade and G. Frierland.

Mr. Silva seconded. Carried unanimously.

The re-election of Messra, Shewan and Slade to the Board of Directors was moved by Mr. Orange and seconded by Mr. Machado. Carried unanimously.

Messrs, W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Guzdar. . . . The Chairman i That is all the business. gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be posted this afternoon.

A SAILON'S WEDDING.

MARRIAGE OF AN INDO-CHINA SKIPPER.

Most of the Indo-China Co.'s ships in harbour were decorated yesterday with a spread of bunting running fore and aft over the mastheads and along the entire length of the vessels, repor's the Shonghad Times of 19th ult. The display was in honour of the wedding of the master of one of the Indo-China fleet, namely. Capit in Sandbach, commanding the sa, Choysang, which vessel, strange to say, was' the latest of the decorated vessels to put on her holiday attire. 'She was lving at [ardine's whall fust astern of the s.s. Kingsing which ran up her bunting at eight bells, at which time also the s.s. Lienshing, moored out in the stream, gave the many-coloured contents of her signal-lockers to the carestes of thebalmy morning breeze. But the prospective bridegroom was rather doubtful and diffident about the propricty of dressing his own fine vessel, and was not till he was safely ashore and interesting himself about the set of his wedding gar-Sir Henry went on at some length to show | ments that his chief officer was able to take matters into his own hands and give the ship "The Attorney-General said that the Court | the aspect which she ought to wear upon such had power to award costs in a case of habeas | a joyous and interesting occasion. The bride, to whom it is time, our readers will be begin-The Chief Justice could not say that habeas. ning to say, to devote a little attention if-wa would not expose curselves to a charge of impolitoness, was Miss Jane Gordon Oudenay, daughter of Mr. William Murray Oudenay and sister of Mrs. John Dewar, whose husband, we . The Attorney-General stated that the points | need scarcely say, is one of the best known and most highly esteemed shipmasters in the China Seas. The wedding was celebrated in the afterbecause in Mr. Justice Wise's Judgment he said | noon in Union Church by the Rev. C. E. Darwent, The Church was beautifully decorated and the service certainly one of the prettiest tha

has been celebrated there this season. The bridegroom and his best man, Captain were waiting at the altar when the bridal party. arrived. It included the bride, attired in an exquisite wedding dress, and leaning on the arm of Captain Dewar who gave her away, her bridesmaids, the young daughters of Captail and Mrs. Dewar, and of Captain and Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Dewar and a large number of other friends; and as they entered the Church Mr Ernest Hall played Wagner's Wedding March. to the strains of which they proceeded in seemly procession to the altar. During the service the choir sang appropriate hymns, and all around The Attorney-General, continuing, said that displayed a degree of sympathy and interest that must have been very grateful indeed the contracting parties, who were thus made to realise the esteem and affection in which they are held by a wide circle of friends.

A reception was held subsequently at the residence of Captain Dewar, Woosung Terrace, where a rich array of presents was displayed, and where the health of the bridsl couple was honoured in the most sincere and hearty.

"HOME FOR THE POOR!

ITALIAN CONVENT, WANCHAI BRANCH.

We are requested by the Rev. Mother Superior, Italian Convent, to acknowledge the following further generous donations to the funds for the reconstruction of the building in St. Francis Street, Wanchai, for the "Home for the Poor":-

J. Orange, Etq: ........ \$100 From Friends of the Home ..... 100 His Honour Lord Ffrench ..... 50 The Honourable Dr. Atkinson... J. M. E. Machado, Rsq.,.... G K. Hall Brutton, Esq. ... Messrs, Melchers & Co..... E. S. Kadoorie, Esq. ...... A. Turper, Esq From a Friend Sin Tak Pan, Esq. ..... J. J. Lairin, Esquisionerine F. A. Gomes, Esquisionin Mouers, Crut & Co... F. J. V. Jorge, Esquesion P. M. N. Santanteren ergen meren F. Soares, Etgeripenergiegenageren Anonymous vereiernerengenenen H. I. M. Carvalho ...... A Chines Gist momentum

THE BALUCHIS.

DEPARTURE FROM HONGKONG. The undermentioned units and details left the command per R.I.M.T. Hardings on 1st instant for the Ports stated :- For Columbo (on route to Manritius.) ... I Co., H.K.R. Bu. R.G.A.:-- Captain F. L. Bennett, Lieutepant.

J. C. H. D'Esterre and wife, Jemadar Lal Singh,

British 'N.C.O.'s, a women, and 3 children.

FOR KARACHI

86 Native other ranks, 3 women, 4 children

120th Baluchis :- Major A. R. Hatch and wife, Lieut, T. E. A. Dalyell, Lieut, C. E. Borton, Lieut, S. Usher, Lieut, C. M. T. Westero. Lieut. R. F. Dill. Lieut. W. K. Cook. 116th Mabrattas (attd.), Captain H. E. Stanger-Leather, I.M.S., Subadar-Major Mukarrah Khan. Subadars Amir Shah, Akbar Khan, Muhd Khan, Burhan Khan, Miharab Shah; Jemadars Sardar Khan, Muhd Khan, Mir Kambir Khan, Amir Khan, Karim Dad, Mala Khan, Zamar-

Khan, Zarif Khan, and Jalal Khan. I Civilian Bandmaster, wife, and child. No. 205, 1st Class Hosp, Assist, Ramchanger

No. 952, rat Class Hosp. Assist Chuni Lal

for Native other ranks. 48 Public followers. 42 Private followers. 9 chargers. H. K. S. EN. R. G. A.

Licutenant T. A. Whyte, Subadar Luhd All, 15 Native other ranks; recruiting party. Jemadar Ramzan Khan, wife, and 4 children, 61 Native other ranks : furlough party. 13 Native other ranks -- For discharge.

TRAMCAR FATALITY.

COOLIE KILLED IN BUSY, THOROUGHFARE.

Shortly after seven o'clock last Sunday even ing, a Chinaman whose identity is still upknown. was knocked down and killed by a tramcar in Des Vœux Road Central.

The man, who from appearances belonged to the coolie class, was a passenger on board an east-bound tramcar. He had purchased a ticket, we were informed, to take him from Wing Lok Street to the Central Market, bu before the car had arrived at the latter stopping point, the coolin was seen to rise from his seat and leave the car. At that moment a west-bound train passed by and struck the coolie as he alighted on the street. He was pitched to one side, and when picked up was seen to be suffering from severe injuries to his head and body. An ambulance was summoned and the unfortunate man conveyed to hospital, where he succumbed shortly after being admitted.

THIS AFTERNOON'S FIRE

THREE FLOORS BADLY BURNT,

At about 2.20 p.m. to-day the fire alarm clanged vociferously with two strokes at intervals denoting a fire in the Central District. The Brigade, under Deputy Superintendent Baker, promptly answered the call and located the fire not far distant from the Fire Brigade Station itself to the West. The building is on the Queen's Road, and is one of four storeys. Upon the arrival of the firemen it was discovered that huge volumes of smoke were issuing from the top floor of No. 225, Queen's Road Central: Without a second's loss of time several lengths of hose were run from the emergency reels and, as a plentiful supplytof water was available, several streams ware soon playing on the burning building. There was no need for a call on the steam-engines. the fire-fighters having all the clements; at hand to contend against the conflagration which threatened to assume large proportions at the first outbreak. With well directed efforts, however, Superintendent Baker and his willing men, after about half-an-hour's strenuous battling with the flames, got the better of the devouring element, not before the first. second and third floors of the building had been badly burned; the contents on the ground floor were damaged by water only. The cause of the outbreak is unknown, and it could not be ascertained at the time of going to press it

MASONIC DANCE.

the building was insured.

The numerous dances throughout the season come and pass, but the monthly Masonic dances still gather together the same genial crowd, and their popularity does not wane. The fifth dance of the series held last Wednesday evening at the City Hall was practically a repetition the inclemency of the weather deterred some of the ladies from being present but those who ly about covered. braved the damp and dismal night were amply music and floor were all that could be desired ; Tis, 95.000 ? there was a lengthy programme, and the dancers appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. A late ferry conveyed the Kowloon residents homeward, and every possible arrangement was made for the comfort and convenience of the members and their guests. The concluding | years? dance will be a Fancy Dress Ball to be held on April ard, those who were present last year at the Calico Ball can youch that a enjoyable evening is sure to be spent, and the committee intend making this closing dance a record success.

SHIPBUILDING IN SHANGHAE

hal Mercury. In the actual work of the con- like the usual amount in 1907. struction of ships there is little if any improvement, but as regards repairs most of the resolution as above was passed. tent this, is accounted for by the clos- be authorised to expend the amount at their Tis, 3,316,95. The said-watches arrived at The rest are not required out here. And so yards in port are busy. To a large exing of the northern ports through ice. as a consequence of which, a number of steamers are off their usual run, and the owners are taking the opportunity of having them | To pay a final dividend of 34 per cent. overhauled. The result of this is that most of the dry docks have been occupied during the last few weeks and for some time to come this boom to repair work is expected to continue. While. having regard to the recently depressed state of the industry, this spurt is gratifying to all con- latt cerned, it is doubtful whether it will continue | Mr. H. A. J. Macray seconded and it was long enough to affect to any appreciable extent, carried. the course of shipbuilding. At present there on On the proposition of Mr. G. Dunman, 1908, but the said Club has suspended business humanity which is a good thing in moderation, are few indications of any pronounced revival seconded by Mr. J. McCracken, Messrs. A. R. and the defendant refuses to take delivery or Slowly, as the months roll on the newness weers in the purely construction side of matters, Leake and Co. were re-slected auditors of the and comparatively few orders are on the company for the current year. tapis. The Dutch-Asiatic Dredging Company Mesers. A. McLeod and G. M. Wheelock | charges and commission in connection with the dose'nt ream feasible. He has become mechan which is pursuing conservancy work in the were re-elected directors for the ensuing year Whangpool recently had a number of hop- on the proposition of Mr. J. Valentine secondpers built for use on the river, and they ed by Mr. J. Johnstone, have given an order for the construction of others. Comparatively small though this is seconded. That a bonus of 5 per cent be paid the contract is to be welcomed to the present to the foreign staff of the company. The state of things, and were others of similar | Chairman said he was sure they were always nature in sight the outlook for the near future | pleased to see the services of the staff appreciate would be almost cheering

SHANGHAL TUG AND LIGHTER CO. LID.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifth annual general meeting of share holders of the above company took place at Shanghai on 28th ult, at the office of the agents, Massrs, Wheelock and Co, There were present Mesurs, A. McLood (presiding), C. Michelau, C. W. Wrightson, H. J. Such, G. M. Wheelock, R. B. Mauchan, H. A. J. Macray and A. K. Craddock (directors), C. McCracken, A. Best, J. Valentine, J. Johnstone, T. Weir, J. Osborne, C. C. Dunmin, G. Butler and H. C. Wilson. The Chairman proposed that Mr. H. C. J. Wilson be appointed secretary to the meeting. The notice convening the meeting was then read by the secretary, after which the chairman addressed the shareholders as

Gentlemen,-The report and the accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1907, have been in your hands for sometime. I presume you will permit me to follow the usual custom and take them as read. You nre no doubt all perfectly aware of the state of depression and stagnation in all branches of trade, both import and export, that has been experienced to Shanghai during the past year and you will therefore not be surprised to learn that our business has been adversely affected by the general falling off in the movement of goods and produce. Owing to this cause our revenue shows the very serious decrease of about Tis. o6,500 on that of 1906, or 20 per cont on our gross receipts, but while this is gerginly unsatisfactory I am able to assure you that it is not owing to opposition that our receipts are less, but solely to the falling off in the trade of the port; indeed it is with pleasure I can state that during the year we have regained constituents, who owing to circumstances it is not necessary to detail had, left, us a year or two ago. Now although the gross receipts show a large falling off think you will consider it very satisfactory to learn that our nett revenue shows a decided improvement on that of 1906-the balance of working account being Tls. 126,811.03 for 1907 against Tla. 109,734.93 for the previous year, of a difference in favour of 1907 of Tis. 17,476 to. This improved state of affairs has been brought about by the exercise of rigid economy in the working expense of the company's business, and it is with pleasure the directors wish to express their thanks to their colleague, Mr. G. W. Wheelock, for the zea and energy he has displayed in so successfully managing the company's business.

As stated is, the report the company's large fleet has been kept in an excellent and efficient state of repair it may interest you to know that during the past 5 years no less a sum than Tls. 292,672.58 has been expended on repairs and maintenance, or an average of Tis. c8,538.51 per annum, paid entirely from working account, thus you will understand that our fleet should be as it is in perfectly good order and capable of performing satisfactorily all the work entrusted to our care. As shewn by the report after paying in August last an interim dividence of 31 per cent on bo h preference and ordinary shares absorbing Tis. 52,500 we have: now a our disposal an amount of Tls. 87,638,09, which the directors recommend should be apportioned as follows :-- '

A final dividend of 3.25 per cent on. Tis. 10,000 Preference Shares ...... 17,500.00 A final dividend of 3.25 per cent. on - 20,000 ordinary shares ...... 35,000.00

Transfer to reserve for renewals. and depreciation (making this , fund up to Tis. 75,000) ...... 20,527.65

Carry forward to new account ...... 14,510.40 Tis. 87,638.09 At the suggestion of a shareholder at the last annual meeting we have had our fleet valued by My. W. Paulson, Lloyd's surveyor, and although his figures are somewhat below the amount shown in our balance sheet it must be borne in mind that the value of a fleet such as ours must fluctuate in accordance with the rise or fall in the cost of shipbuilding, wages, material, etc. The directors, however, are satis fied that we possess an asset in our property account fairly representing the price at which it stands. We are, as you will see by the accounts, building up a reserve and depreciation fund which to-day amounts to Tis. 75,000 and it will be the policy of the directors to add steadily to this fund annually as circumstances permit. Gentlemen, I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be approved and passed, but before putting this resolution to the meeting ! shall be pleased to answer to the best of my

ability any desire to ask. Mr. H. J. Such seconded. Mr. Osborne asked if the Chairman considered the asset of Morris and Co., of Tis.

to o so a good asset? The Chairman-I am pleased to say of those sociable and enjoyable dances, which | that that amount has been reduced from the have been so 'characteristic' of the Scottish original amount very considerably and we had Masonic Quadrille Association. Unfortunately an unofficial valuation of the land which we own and as far as I can judge we are practical-

Mr. Dunman-Do I understand you to say rewarded. From a dancer's point of view the | the gross receipts for the year decreased by

> The Chairman-Yes, that is a fact. Mr. Dunman-Does it follow then that the expenses have decreased over Tis. 100,000? The Chairman-Yes, it is an absolute fact. Mr. Dunman-Then what about previous

The Chairman-I am afraid, Mr. Dunman, in previous years there was a certain amount of I same, l'extravagance. A little over a year ago we went over things and made some wholesale reduction. Since Mr. Wheelock has had sole charge of the Company's affairs he has worked onergetically and he has kept down a great many expenses which were in our opinion unnecessary. The one big saving this year has The prolonged depression, which has been been on repairs. Compared with 1906, on the prevailing note of local shipbuilding re- repairs to the fleet, we have effected a saving centiv, has for the time being given place to a of Tls: 40,000. We spent a large sum in 1906 more cheerful state of affairs, writes the Shang- | tendering it unnecessary to expend anything

> There were no further questions and the first The Chairman proposed—That the directors.

disposal, viz. Tis. 87,638.09 as follows !-To pay a final dividend of 14 percent. . Tla, on 10,000 preference shares ..... 17,500.00 on 20,000 ordinary shares ..... 15,000/0

To transfer to reserve for renewals and depreciation...... 20,617.59 To carry forward to new account ..... 14.510.40 Making a total of Tis. 87.618.00

Mr. I. McCracken proposed and Mr. H. Best se The meren was carried.

This concluded the liusiness of the meeting. The chairman thanked shareholders for their attendance and announced that dividend warrants would be posted to morrow.

In reply to a vote of thanks proposed to himself and the directors, the Chairman hoped that the coming year would be a more pros perous one than the last. (Hear, hear.)

The following is the

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS. For the year ending 31st December, 1907. Presented to the shareholders at the fifth annual general meeting to be held at the office of the agents, Mesers, Wheelock & Co. on

Friday, 28th February, at 4 p.m. The directors wherewith submit a statemen of the audited accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907, showing at the credit of profit and loss account the sum of Tis. 87,638.09, after the payment on the 5th August, 1907, of an interim dividend of 31 per cent. on preference shares Tisi 17,500.00, and 34 per cent. on ordinary shares, Tls. 35,000.00.

This sum of Tls. 87,038 og now remains for appropiation and your directors recommend that it should be distributed as follows:

To a final dividend of 3 per cent, on Tls. 10,000 Preference Share 1.,.... 17,500,00 To a final dividend of 3 per cent, on 20,000 ordinary shares ...... 35,000,00 To transfer to reserve for renewals and depreciation..... 20,627.69 To carry forward ...... 14,510.40

Tis, 87,438,09 The fleet has been kept in excellent condi- | Minister in Tokyo by which those Chinese tion and all expenses in this connection have students who have completed the whole course, been charged as usual to working account. of study at the Tokyo Mercantile Marine The fleet has been increased during the year | School, may be allowed to join a Japanese by four 50-ton steel lighters, two 350-ton steel | war-ship for training. The Chinese students lighters, two 25-ton steel lighters, on the other | graduating from the Marine School in April hand three have been sold—the tug Kongham I this year number 39. and one 350-ton steel lighter.

Directors.-Mr. Dodwell having resigned, Mr. Macray was invited to take his place. In accordance with the terms of the articles of association Messrs. Mclood and Wheelock retire from the Board, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.-Mr. Lacke having left for home, Mr. Matthews has audited the accounts. Matthews now retises and Messrs, Arthur R. Leake & Co. offer themselves for election.

The year on the whole has been a most disappointing one owing to the general depression in trade; the decrease in amount of work being about 20 per cent as compared with

THE SHANGHAL WATCH CLUB BUBBLE:

Further developments are promised in con nection with the Watch Club. A civil suit has now been instituted by Messrs. J. Ullmann & Co. against Mr. Ivor Thomas, in his capacity as Manager of the Shanghai Watch Club, for the payment of \$1,115.75, the value of watches etc., alleged to have been supplied for the put poses of the Club. Thus the position to-day in the Watch Club finsco is that two suits are pending against Mr. H. J. Black and one against Mr. Thomas, who has already stood his trial on a criminal charge. It is unfortunate that there should be these complications in regard to the fixing of responsibility for the concern, which tend to prolong the Club's inglorious existence at time when the community would fain be rid of it altogether. In spite of the strictures passed upon the whole business of the Club by His Majesty's Judge, who, it may be pointed out, merely confirmed the verdict of American tribunals on the same subject, it has been announced (with what authority is not known, but the statement has not been denied) that the Club is to be wound up by Mr. H. J. Black by permission from the United States Consulate-General. We have, therefore, the following anomalous state of affairs :--- an admitted lottery denounced by the Judge of His Majesty's Supreme Court as "a rotten and fraudulent concern"; a Municipal by-law prohibiting lotteries except under special licence; permission (?) given by the United States Consulate-General to re-open in the Settlement the very Watch Lottery that has been denounced local ly and is debarred from the United States and its dependencies. Some method should be devised to cut this Gordian knot without delay and as its origin is clearly defined, it were well that it should be dealt with by the authorities concerned .- N. C. D. News.

MORE DIRTY LINEN IN THE WASH TUB.

same time it would seem that more is to be Years of work in front of him before he will do beard about it, says the Shanghal Times. It is any good, but who has'nt? He begins to take now alleged that the watches so magnanimous. his little pleasures temperately and enjoy them ly given away by the earlier proprietors were all the more. He learns how to live, He not paid for. Messrs. Carlowitz are suing Mr. falls into a little groove. Each portion of the H. J. Black for amounts aggregating hearly day has its little pleasure. He enjoys his thirty thousand tacks, as witness the following morning bath, his "chota hazri," his cigarette, petition filed in the U.S. Court yesterday the drive to town, his work, his evening

(Feb. 26) by Messrs, Carlowitz:-Watch Club of Shanghai in which concern the to smile at the rosiness and optimism of defendant was then and is still a partner, griffins. He will tell you he is a white con racted in writing with the plaintiffs slave, talk about rotten Singapore, say he's not for a consignment of Elgin watches. The living-merely vegetating. But this is pure purchase price of the said watches bunkum. Congenial work, good friends-for amounts with interest and charges thereon to the friends of the East are like no others, loyal, the sum of Tis. 167.90. Buch watches were big-hearted and true-a climate that is not delivered by the plaintiffs to the said Club in half so bad if you respect it, some responsibility, the month of December 1907, but the defend, and little drudgery, and last but by no means ant has refused or neglected to pay for the least, an eye on the taipan's chair, These are

(2)-In the months of July and August, 1907. Happy, light hearted and for ever grumbling the said Club contracted in writing with the Griffin ! Who would not exchange an office plaintiffs for a further consignment of Elgin stool at home and an eternal row of figures that watches. The purchase price of the said stretches out to the crack of doom for as watches amounts with interest and other charges | existence such as his? Very few? trow. Most to the sum of Tis, 8,052.45. The said watches Griffins do something silly and limitedistely arrived in Shanghai in the month of Novem. think the end of the world has come. But it ber, 1907, but the defendant has neglected or has nt. This is called building up character, refused to take delivery thereof or pay for the Many a sleek taipan there is in the East whose

plaintiffs for a consignment of Longine watches. have tasted the bitter fruit of despair, Fortune with interest and other charges to the sum of Those who have grit are certain to win through Shanghai about the month of December, 1907, the time wears on and the Griffin finds but the defendant line neglected; or refused to groove. Optimism gives place to philosophy. inke delivery thereof or pay for the same.

contract mentioned in this paragraph, which

of the sum of Tis, 580.90 being commission on his ten with the greatest equanimity, 4316 is watches, ordered by contract of the Canton gaining confidence and thinks he is getting diffice of the Shanghai Watch Club.

sum of Tie 20,010.27. as shown by the Shares and his Griffinhood is over.

(b)-Interest upon the several contracts appearing in such account as from the dates specified therein up to the date of payment of the same at the rate of seven per cent with costs and such further or other reliefas the nature of the case may require.

The action has been filed by Messra. Stokes, Platt, and Teosdale, acting for Carlowitz and

TO BE RE-ANIMATED. There appears to be some hope of re-snimating the concern even yet. Since writing the above we learn that the following latter has been sent to a subscriber to the Watch Clubi-Shanghai, a5th February, 1908,

My Dear Sir,-Replying to your letter of even date. I will state that negotiations are now under way with the authorities relative to the re-opening of the Watch Club, and the carrying out of every obligation incurred by it. It is anticipated that everything will be arranged in the course of the next few days, and due notice will be given in the newspapers.

Regretting the inconvenience occasioned,

I beg to remain. Yours faithfully, (Signed), H. J. BLACK.

CHINBSE NAVAL STUDBNIS.

PERMISSION TO JOIN JAPANESE

An arrangement has been made between the apanese Naval authorities and the Chinese

> SINGAPORE TYPES-THE GRIFFIN.

He comes out from home full of hope and red blood corpuscles. His salary is not large but he thinks it so. He is at first very careful what he drinks but it is astonishing how soon he learns to drink pari passe with the older ones. He has two great fallacies, to wit, firstly that he can save money, secondly that he is going to hustle the East and do just as much here as he was went to do at home. This induces his first dose of fever and thus his lesson is begun. The febrile symptoms pass away and he feele very very limp; tries a long chair and short drinks. The former is wise ; the latter foolish. In three months he has bought a horse and left off taking water in his gin. Two things worry him. The salt always slips from the side of his plate into the gravy and there are always ants in the sugar. The very first thing he did was to save enough to pay off his tailor at home. This makes him feel like a philanthropist. He now walks ab: ut with a looks the whole world in the face! expression. This disappears, however, when he finds that his account is slightly overdrawn and he owes the godowns \$384.96. He decides to economise and does so for a week. On Saturday, however, he has a little launt round town and completely, spoils his average. He tries again and the whole of his remaining Griffinhood is spent in try pg to economize and miserably failing. Analysis of his blood at this period discloses the fact that the red corpuscion have decreased

When he first came out he had an idea that he was only going to remain here for about two years and then return home and start in he'an East India merchant. He thought the Bast wanted discovering and he was the discoverer. It now begins to dawn upon him that the East discovered him and found him a bit behind the times. He does a good deal of reflection, This is what it leads to-that whereas at home he had a living wage and a landlady; in a temperate climate out here he has a living wage, and a long chair in a bot one. He rather prefers the landlady but, bless you he'll never go back. Ahl Why?

Listen! See him arrive at the godown in the morning in his buggy. See the "jage rush for his "bakol." Set the tambles flying about, and the cashiers smarten up. See him surrounded by Chinese millionaire merchants and talking to them like a father in bad Malay, "Monerch of all he displays," Bee him at I p.m. How he enjoys the wing of a scraggy fowl and a stongah. See him afterwards with a big cigar, at his desk, sleaves turned up, busy, sweating and happy. Yes, poor but happy. In debt and admits it cheer-The Watch Club is moribund, but at the fully. More work than play but glories in it. stengah, his dinner, long chair and maga-(1)-In the month of July, 1907, the Shanghai | zine. He is becoming Eastern, He begins his assets and they are enough for most men.

foundation was a "bad break," and whose bricks (3)-In the months of December, 1906, and have been feshioned from bitter disappoint. February, 1907, the Club contracted with the ments, Men cannot be really happy until they The purchase price of the said watches amounts is a fickle lade and the Griffin is her sport, Too much luck would have made him an un-(4)-In the months of October and December, bearable prig. His fallpres have bardened him 1906, and February and June, 1907, the said and made him more self-reliant. His first great Club contracted in writing with plaintiffs for lesson is that he must stand alone before the a further consignment of Longino watches. world. No one will help him if he doesn't help The purchase price of the said watches himself. Whe he is down everyone will kick amounts with interest and other charges him and "pluck at his beard." Poor humanity to the sum of Tie. 13,608 50. The said wat- When he is on top the yapping dogs will bei ches are due to arrive in Shanghai in or about their tails between their legs and slink away, the months, of February, March, and April, Thus be learns to have a little contempt for pay for the same. The plaintiffs, moreover, off, He gives up the idea of going home and selclaim payment of the sum of Tis. 2,517.57 for ting up as an Rest India merchant. Somehow it ciled to the salt shipping of the side of his (5) The plaintiffs, moreover, claim payment | plate into the gravy and picks the auts out of The plaintiffs therefore pray for an order - shoa's and addies and sides in comperatively (a) That the defendant do pay to them the smooth water. "Then he speculates in Ti - 4. B. In Singapore Brid Fruit

## THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.

## OUTCOME OF SANITARY COMMISSION'S REPORT.

## CADET PRESIDENT SANITARY BOARD.

#### CUBICLE COMMITTEE'S ADOPTION RECOMMENDATIONS.

As the outcome of the Sanitary Commission's structural work would, he done by . one report, Government introduced a Bill, at the department, thereby avoiding all unnecessary meeting of the Legislative Council last Thurs delays. The Committee also advocated the day, to amend the cubic - ealth and fuild- increase in the number of medical officers. O ings Ordinance, 1903, and the Tubic Health, the three assistant medical officers, one position and Buildings Amendment Ordinance, 1903. has long been vacant, one was on leave Before the Attorney General formally moved while the M.O.H. has been acting a the first reading of the Bill, H.E. the Governor Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. He did not see addressed the Council and, in part, said :- that it was possible to substitute medical offi-The Bill to amend the Public Health and cert for inspectors. The former would not con-Building Ordinance was unusually intricate, sent to personally supervise a house cleaning The Commissi ners reported on the 13th April, gang or other such work. They were physical-1907. It would seem unreasonably lorg before ly unable, and in the next place they were the Government was able to bring forward not trained for this to t of work. His Exthe Bill, but he would remind the Council cellincy next went into detail as to the that the Government had in consideration in sugges ion of abolishing the post the ameilding ()idinance open spaces, scavenge senior sanitary inspector and the scheme ing lanes, etc., an the Officer Administering for apportioning the remainder of the men the Government had appointed a Committee to other districts, with each point he dealt fully. to report on the cubicle question. That report After which he remarked that such reforms was received in August lust. The question of as were considered advisable would be acted the relation between the Sanitary, Busid and upon by the G vernment. The concluding the Building Authority took up an exhaustive temarks of his Excellency were greeted with tequiry by experts, and finally the Bill incorpor uppliates. rated a large number of amendments since 1903. Dr. Ho Kai asked that the second reading He wished his predecessor had been here of the Bill might be adjourned for a month to carry through that work, as he had more in a dea that it might be thoroughly digested ability and fluency than he (the speaker) Mr. Wei Yuk seconded. had at his command. H.E. would to. His Excellency agreed to the suggestion. mind the Council of the constitution and bistory of the Commission, their report and the cause of that legislation? Complaints had been made by unofficial members of the to be effected by the new Bill is given in the Sanitary Board regarding the sanitary administ statement of "objects and reasons" annexed tration and especially that the hands of the to the deaft Ordinance. The statement is resubordinates, had not been clean and that produced rexumity and it as follows :--corruption and hubbry existed. The plea of a ection a .- The amendment of definition is appointing the usofficials to investigate thuse extends the definition of "building" to certain charges was because these accused were Government official. He laid stiess on the point that he woumed that the Commercian Con-cileto control the construction of such was a representative one with unlimited powers. No Gover ment officat sat on the Commission | from the Crown upon which domestic buildings and no others excepting une fficial members of the labut" (section 185). Banitary Boar, and they might naturally suppose | The smen ment of definition 26 renders' that a larger sphere of it fluence would have been leval certain rooms which have not an oper there. For about a year they gave their private space facing their windows of a width of 13 time to the suvestigation and brok ht to hear, feet but which are yet adequately lit, owing to considerable expenence on the matter. Some the fact that the opposite boundary of the space useful suggestions we'e'embodied in the Bill is a dwarf will only, or in the case of upper and some had been given effect to by executi e hatories; the upper pare of h wall, action. It was impossible to rise afterperus or the report wishout thinking that the Colony swed in brevent evision of the spirit of the Ordinsome gratitude to those public-spirited men auch by supporting the roof with scaffolding who had devoteit all their space time while the wells are rebuilt piecemes l. for the public cause. They had given the report careful consideration, and much taken verbation from the Building Bye-laws of thought, but the 'nevernment, could not agree the City of Caroff and other places. to some a the proposals, nor d d he think | The amendment of definition 53 is required those proposals represented the wishes of the to make it clear that the space left for ventilaentire community. To this question he would lion under a boarded floor in the lowermost refer later. As regarded the head of the administration of the Sanitary Board no change | "storey" for the purposes of section tot. was intended, but experience proved and the Commission forcibly pointed out that it was not feasible that the P.C.M.O. should act as head of the Sanitary Board with his increasing duties. | age skew to the long axis of the street. The principle was sound and the UCMC !agreed with them . It he was to be effectively relieved of his present duties and resumed his lineed was felt. proper position as adviser to the Covernment | he should no longer be a member of the las Head of the Socitary Department; to relieve Sanitary Board. He saw no reason why the the Principal Civil Medical Officer and the M.O.H. should not have a seat on the Sanitary | Captain 'Superintendent of Police of their Board to carry out decisions of the Board. The membership of the Board; and to reappoint fact was he had a vote which enhanced his the Medical Officer of Health a member of the responsibility. They suggested that the new | Board. head of the department, vice P.C.M.O., should | Sections 5, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 69 confer be a cade having a knowledge of Chinese, and | similar powers on the Assistant Medical Officers with that the Commission agreed. It would of Health as are already possessed by the be idles to burke the real issue as to Medical Officer of Health. whether the head of administration of the department should be under the control of the Government or the Sanitary Board, to transfer to the Engineers of the Fubli That person should be responsible to the Go- | Works Department (Building Authority branch vernment. It would not be analogous to quote the duties in connection with the drainage of the case of a public company, whose directors | domestic buildings and the supervision of were servants of the shareholders, and who concreting ground surfaces, while the duty of could be deposed at any time, even if they protecting the public water supplies lies with were to be permanent directors under the the Director of Public Works. With regard Articles of Association, by calling a special to the deletion of paragraph 33, of Section 15 meeting of shareholders. As the Government of the Principal Ordinance it is proposed to officials are appointed and are dischargeable by resenact the Poison Bye-laws under another the Government, therefore the officers are Ordinance." gaswerable to the Government only. His ection 7-The amendment is made with Excellency then dwelt on the suggest view to further preventing the access of rats tion of the Commission—the subject of to buildings. spending the money allotted to the Sanitary Board. It was suggested that the of the recommendations of the Cubicle Com-Board should be allowed to spend the entire mittee which reported in August, 1907. sum of money voted to them for Sanitary |affairs in the Colony unrestricted. This sum, | because there is no definition of common he said, was divided into various votes, kitchen," and partly hecouse it is phdesirable and if the Canitary Board were allowed to deal at any time to permit persons to sleep in the with this sum as a lump sum that power of the | kitchen of a tenemont house. Council would be taken away and given to the

#### THE BILL

A gist of the amendments which are proposed

structures for which plans should be submitted (section 222), and enables the Governor-instructures "in streets on land held under lease

The amendment of definition 30 is required

The amended 'definition of "party wall'

storey (section 117) cannot be regarded as

The amendment of definition 60 is required to prevent additional height being obtained (section 188) by erecting buildings, with a front-

Section 3.-These additional definitions are inverted as cases have arisen in which their

Section 4 -It is proposed to appoint a Cadet

Sections 6, 27, 46, 54 to 59 and 74.—The amendments are made because it is proposes

Section 11 .- The amendment carries out one

Section 12.-The amendment is made partly

" Section 13,-The amendment provides that Sanitary Board, It. E. then referred to another | compensation up (to the amount of \$400, per important question. The Committee com- head may be a godded by the Governor-inplained of the delay in passing plans and Council for any infected cattle stanghtered other matters by the Building Authority, under the profitions of the Ordinance—the and they suggested that the Sanitary Board present maximum being \$100.

should control their own staff of engineers, Section 17 .- The amendment corrects a misaThis meant additional cost, and probably print in the original Ordinance. It was inoverlapping of work. He recognised the tended that red or yellow earth could be used

justice of the complaints of the Com- In lieu of sand in the preparation of moster. mittee, but he thought that the Director | Section 18,-The amendment makes it clear of Public Works should be responsible for the | that' the thickness of walls prescribed for the duties coming un er buildings, and works. In lowermost storeys of buildings shall apply also future, in order to expedite the passing of plans, to the walls, enclosing any spaces, for ventila-the MO.H. would not sign them and the D.P.W. tion beneath such lowermost storeys, and gives would, therefore, have them all in one office. to the Building Authority certain discretionary Financially, this would effect considerable powers in regard to the construction and mea-

saving. If a chief engineer were to be appoint- surement of walls, ed to the Sanitary Brard he would have to be | Section 19-The amendment provides that a man of standing as the D.P.W. This would the thickness of walls as laid down in section idvolve an increase in cost, and probably tot shall apply-so far as is possible-in the add in friction. . . . . In order to give effect | case of walls which are re-constructed in existto certain changes, such as the transfer of a sani- ing buildings.

tary surveyor, two clerks, two drainage in- Section 20,-The amendment provides that specious and two overseers to the P.W.D., the limit of height of walls shall not include would take place, In practice the P.W.D. the height of any retaining wall on the top of would serve notices and take proceedings which such wall may be built.

as deficient window area, absence of open construction of partition-walls of a less thickspace, illegal cocklosis, obstruction of back, ness than is stated in the present provise to which have been previously closed. yards, all of which would come under the section tog, when such walls are constructed Building Authority. House owners would of re-inforced concrete or other approved Building Authority discretionary power then be put to no trouble of having to supply material,

diplicate plant, only one certificate of Section 12 .- The amendment substitutes the to him and to permit the commencement sompletion would be required, and all I work "width" for "thickness" and alves the work before the enburission of plans

Building Authority discretionary power in regard to the thickness of retaining walls. Section 23 -The amendment specifies the

nature, of the criting to be used for the protection of part. walls carried up above the roof." Section 24.-The amendment restricts the area of openings in party walls to two-thirds of their total area, in the interest of their stability. Sections 15, and 33.-The amendment substitutes "approval of the plan" for special weitten permission of the Building Authority, in the case of cert in exceptions from the provi-

sions of the Ordinance Section 26.—The amendment permits the substitution of "three inches of good coment concrete" for "six inches of good lime coninches of good coment'concrete" for "six inches of good lime concrete covered with two inches of good cement concrete."

Section 27,-Sea under section 6. Section 28 .- The amendment gives the Building Authority a discretionary power in regard

to compliance with section 113. Section 29 .- The amendment allows a pantry and a drying room to be only nine feet high. Section 30 .- The amendment gives greater latitude to the architect in devising means of ventilating the space under a floor in the lower-

m sit storey of a building. Section 3 .- The amendment "limits the maximum area of a mexicanine floor and is designed to prevent evasions of section 188 (5 which limits the number of storeys allowed) in the case of exceptionally deep buildings

'Section 32,- he amendment aims at preventing the formation of enclosed spaces in which rats may breed in domestic buildings it the Chinese quarters, and is a Plague preven-

Section 34.- The amendment is inserted to make the intention of the original Ordinance clearer on this point.

Section 35.—The amendment is added becouse, it is understood that no application to let down blinds in a verandah over Crown land be ween sunset and sunrise has ever been made to the Board, and the paragraph scems quite unnecessary, while its presence has led' to a wrong interpretation being placed upon the earlier por ion of the section. It was never proposed that the Board should be given power to allow the enclosure . I verandalis over Crown land-this being a prerogative of the Governur-in-Council-but such an, interpretation has been read into the section as it now

Section 36.—The amendment is inseited to differentiate the floors of kitchens as dealt with in section 140 from those dealt with in section Ill -the former relates to upper floors, the lat er to fl iors on the ground surface.

Section 37. - The amendment is rendered necess ry by the fact that almost all the domestic buildings in the Chinese quarters. though not perhaps originally designed as "tenement houses," become such as soon as they are occupied; and it would be unreasonable to the prequire the kitchens of such buildings to be pulled down and reserected in the manner indicated in section 14 :

Section 38 .- The amendment reduces the minimum calibre of chimneys and smoke flues | Taiping. and requires that such flues shall be properly cased in brickwork except when required for beating purposes (e.g., in drying rooms).

Section 19 .- The amendment extends the provisions of section 143 to fireplaces used for Section 40 .- The amendment requires that

fire escapes shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the Building Anthority. ection 41,-The amendment gives greater

powers to the Governor-in-Council to allowdomestic buildings without literal windows to be of a greater depth than forty feet, and prowides that the compensation to be assessed in the case of releast of the Governor-in-Council to grant a modification of, or exemption frum, section 151, in certain cases, shall be so assessed as out to disturb existing Crown Rents and

Sections 43, 43 and 44.—The amendments carry out the recommandations of the Cubicle Committee which reported in August, 1907 The wording of the proposed new section 1534 is suggested by the terms of the Imperial Housing of the Working Classes Act of 1890. ..

Section 45.-The amendment reduces the minimum internal area of a latring from ten square feet to seven square feet. Section 46,-See under section 6.

Sections 47 and 48 .- Plans have been prepared in the office of the Building Authority. showing the most convenient positions- dation. Bankrupt added to the Official Ashaving regard to the area and extent of the I're and the relation thereto of neigh- He started with a clean sheet. The books he bouring streets-of scavenging laves for kept were cash, and day books, Jouanal, and such blocks, and the amendments require ledger and progress books- contract books that when dimestic buildings are to be erect- that brokers keep." They were audited by Mr. ed on such lots the scavenging lanes shall Rennia in 1904 which was the only time Laconform to the plans so prepared. These tham and Co.'s bo ks were audited. A Chinese amendments also allow buildings to be erected | clerk once a month made out a balance sheet in the open spaces to a lieight of eleven feet. Asked if he made money in 1952, debtor said instead of ten feet as at present, whether such spaces are wholly in the rear or not and require of about \$7,000 a month next year, and all the breess to be provided from such open spaces to I time until the end of 19-5 they made about the scavenging lanes. The prohibition of the \$1,500 a month. A year later they lost money. obstruction of scavenging lanes is merely transferred from section 181 to sections 179 (f) and

With regard to the definition of a "semidetached domestic building here given, the word "street" is used to include a four-foot wide lane, so as to be in conformity, with the definition clause of the O dinances

Section 49.—The amendment repeals section B. but to enacts the only provision not now incorporated in the two preceding sections.

preventing the further obstruction of private | got facilities in the way of an overdraft." streets by the erection of buildings thereover or thereupon, if such streets have domestic buildings abutting thereon, but preserves the power of the Governor-in-Council to pe mit the erection of such obstructions in special cases." Obstructions in such streets are also prohibited. Section (1.-The amendment consolidates sections 18 and 167.

Section 52 .- The amendment elucidates the mean ng of the last four lines of the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 18B

Bection 53.-The amendment adds a necessary clause to provide for the adequate subsoil drainhge of damp sites.

small technical change is also made by the

substitution of the word "drains" for the words "house-drains" - The former will include storm water drains. Section 60,-It is not considered necessary that the Medical Officer of Health should

countersign these certificates and the change liability-they took in a Chinaman, and they der him. His toes were just touching the may help to avoid delay in the issue of such thought he was a partner. The Judge decided, bed; certificates. Section 61,-The amendment gives the

Building Authority power to examine the structure of a dangerous building by making. openings where necessary, . . 14 Section 62. - The amendment enables dans

order of a Magistrate until such buildings are again rendered sale for occupation, against property owners for nuisances, such | Section 22.- The amendment allows of the prohibition in regard to the sinking of wells without permission to the re-opening of wails thing else,

Bection 64. The amendment gives the dispense with certain details in plans submitted

Sections 6:, 66 and 70.-The deletion of sub-section (3) of section 222 and the addition of sub-section 50 to section 229 follow the transfer of the duties in connection with drainage to the Engineers of the Public Works De-

partment (Building Authority branch). The repeal of section 226 does away with the necessity for the submission of plans to the Medical Officer of Health and is aimed at avoiding delay in dealing with them.

. The amendment at the end of section 229

and the similar amendment to section 257 are designed to prevent continuance of a building nuisance after conviction by the Magistrate and will secure its more prompt rectification. Section 67 .- The amendment provides that the Head of the Sapitary Department may deal with certain building nuisances but his powers under this section are limited to such building nuisances as are dealt with in sections 118 (cock-lefts), 139 (obstructions in verandahsover Crown land), 153 and 154 (cubicles) and 161 (latrines and latrine receptacles) and auch other matters as the Governor-in-Council may from time to time deem necessary

Section 68,-The amendment removes some confusion in the wording of section 253 introduced by the Amending Ordinance No. 23 of

Section 71.-The amendment extends the power of the Governor-in-Council to grant modifications and exemptions in special cases. Section 72.-The amendment provides that the Drainage Bye-laws which are preserved by section 55 in the form of Schedule M to the Ordinance, may be altered, amended or revoked at any time by the Governor-in-Council and gives similar powers in regard to Schedules

Section 73 .- The amendment permits the erection of domestic buildings of simple design, and in accordance with type plans, in any part of the Colony outside an urban district.

"SHARES-SIMPLY SHARES?

BROKER AND THE CAUSE OF HIS

INSOLVENCY. The following is taken from the Singapore

Free Press of 28th ult.: -Oh'l shares, shares, and nothing else!" was the reply of Ratold Latham, broker, at his public examination, in. bankruptcy, when asked to account for his insolvency. Debtor yesterday appeared before Mr. Justice Sercombe Smith in the Council Chamber and for nearly the whole of the morning he was under examination, the information elicited being interesting, and throwing an instructive light on the pitfalls of forward selling and the refusal of people to take up the share-with a falling market an I loss as the sequels.

Mr. Emerson appeared with the acting Official Assignes. Mr. Montagu Harris said he appeared for a creditor and would cross-examine the debtor.

and the Acting 'Official Assignee said there, was no objection provided he had a written authority from the creditor, . Counsel had not this written authority. His client lived in

THE FIRM'S COMMENCEMENT.

Debtor, Harold Latham, went into the box, and said at the time of his failure his occupation was that of exchange, share, shipping, coal and produce broker. The name of his firm was Latham and Co, and he was sole partner. The firm started business on April 1, 1902, as Latham and Co. From that time till now he had been the sole partner. He first arrived in Singapore in 1879. He came out first to s merchant firm-Sym- and Co. and he went to Java for them. He lek Java for England it 1885 and returned a year later, when he started bis business as a broker as H. batham, with no partners, until 1897. Then Mr. J. G. Mactaggart joined as a partner. They west on to March 31, 1902, when they dissolved partnership, by [mutual consent, Then he started Latham and Co. which went on to the time of his bankruptcy. His capital at the time was perhaps \$1,000 which was already in the busi-

His lordship; "What was your balance at

the bank?" Deblor: "A few hundred dollars." . When they dissolved they had had very heavy losses. He collected the assets of Eatham and Mactaggart and paid the liabilities.

The Judge: "Which were the greater?". Debtor: " he liabilities, I went juto liquisignee, that they compromised some debts 'Yes." Roughly they must have inade a profit

He accounted for this by selling shares. forward at a loss, debtor replied to the Judge. On January 3, 1928, he filed his own perition. The office expenses in 1907 were monthly over Strood, He remitted home £600 for his family in 1907 and his personal expenses were about \$100 a month. He had four children at home. "Did you as Latham and Co. have a banking

account?" Debtory "Yes, with the Hongkong, the Chartered and Mescantile. Latterly we dealt Bection 5 .- The immendment aims at mostly with the Mercantile Bank because we

A BORNEO TIMBER CONCESSION THAT

He was interested in a timber concession n Borngo in 1902 with Mr. David and Mr. L. Anderson. They were three Patters. He put into the concern no capital, but he had a share, because David and he had the concession. Mr. David got the concession and gave him a half share because witness had rendered him services. David had a good spirits during the week. She went immediately title from the Dutch Government as far as he to investigate, and the scream that she uttered knew then but now it was cancelled. Mr. lafter entering his cubicle was enough to bring Anderson put the money in, \$10,000, and put | the other boarders in a couple of seconds. \$3,000 more in afterwards. They had three | When the cubicle was entered the body was Sections 51 to 59.—See under section 6.—A equal shares in the concession. The business | found banging to a gitdle, or waist-band which went on two or three years and they paid three | had been looped over a strong nail in the wall and years' rent to the Sultan at 100 guilders a knotted securely beneath deceased's chin. The month. They never made any profit. The man, who was fully dressed, had evidently stood concession was lost because they did not pay upon an earthenware pillow on top of his bed, any rent. He found it was impossible to make | driven the nail securely into the wall, and, after he was not. He was sued and debtor had to The police at headquarters were informed. t. This yenture began in August 1902. mortugry for burial, WHAT CAUSED IT.

prolyency ? ?

"Shares, shares. - nothing else!" said witness, were the cause of his bankruptcy. "I looked niter coal and produce," added dabtor...

"Is your life insure i?" asked Mr. Badeley. "Yes" was the answer. "For £2,000. The policy is in my children's name." . Witness said he had had a loan on the policy for \$4,000. The Official Assignee: "If it is in your children's name how did you get the loan?".

Debtor: "I can't tell you that, but, I got it." He find a judgment on a promissory note nghinst D wid for \$3,000 about a year ago: Ho got nothing. David was at Pontianak. Witness had signed a promissory note with Anarealam Chetty over share transactions, \$10,000 signed some years ago, in 1903. He had paid \$9,000 The Official Assignee: "I take it your failure was due to your December settlement?"

l'ebtor : " Yes.". The November soulement vember was in their favour. "Were you solvent at the end of Novem-

ber? "was the next question.

people paid dright." Yan Yow Took was witness' largest debtor in shares - \$15,000. "There were cases where they had delivered shares and people did not pay, Tan Hood Gunn, \$2,730. As far as he knew strip was delivered and he did not pay. They were usually paid the same day. They did a large forward contract business to December and also in the present year. They had

"You acted both as brokers and jobbers, the Official Assignee queried. " Yes," said Latham, " we did. " We ought not to have done, but we did." He put on the

sild forward shares they had not bought.

contracts " Account Principal." His lordship: "And this meant there was a person behind you for whom you bought

shares?" .. " But," went on the Official Assignee, "in a good many cases you did this when there was nobody helind you. Don't you think people assumed there was?"

'Latham: "I don't know what they assumed. They certainly never asked." On Dec. 13, he owed the Mercantile Bank \$11,500, on an overdraft. On the 30th they paid in a cheque for \$10,000 and the manager would not let him take out \$11,500. Mr. Hogg told him that the bank was going to keep this Siltoo, and the manager, asked by witness, why, (as he had before promised to let him pay out cheques'as much as he put in) said " cir cumstances had changed," Witness saw tho. manager, when he did not make up his mind. Next day, however, he said he had made up his mind to stick to the money. Between Dec. 30 and lap. 3 the whole of the overdraft had been wiped out. Up to the 30th he was fully under the impression that the overdraft would remain there. The Mercantile, Bank once refused" to honour a cheque he drew on them-or the 3rd, he thought. This was for \$2,771 in favour of E. Soloman, The cheque of \$20,000, paid into the 'Mercantile Bank; was paid to him by Mr. MacMillan. There was also owing from the same source \$10,000. The cheque never came to the office. Mr. Hogg. he thought paid, it to Mr. Manasseb, direct. Or Dec. 24, he paid \$2,700 to Manasseh, and on the jist, still owed \$19,7 r. If this cheque for \$ 9,000 was paid him on the 2nd he was paid

Millan was a payment on account. They had bou. ht ar d sold for him. The Official Assignee asked no more questions, and Mr. Hairis asked for a postponement in order to get the authority to appear

in full. Had the cheque come to the office,h

would have stopped it.' It was not given by

his instructions. The \$20,000 from Mr. Mac-

previously referred to. On behalf of a creditor Mr. Baddeley asked if 300 Serendahs were bought from Mr. Schultzer of the German bank. He did not know how the transaction took place. He knew the shares had not been paid for-there was no

The examination was adjourned.

LAI CHI CHINA

RE-T- IAL OF PARTNERSHIP ISSUE.

Beveral weeks ago a man named Lai Ch Chin sought to appeal from a decision given. against him by Mr. Justice Wise, in a case in Summary Jurisdiction. The case referred to was that in which Mr. Justice Wise found that Lai. Chi Chin was- a partner in the "Tak Lie Lung firm and was, therefore, liable to certain debts of the firm; and i was this decision that the appellant sought in reverse. On the understanding that Ma M. W. Slade, who was instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, would produce fresh evidence a re-trial was granted. The case was re-opened last (Monday morning and was continued throughout the day. The Hon. Mr. II. E. Pollock, R.C. (instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Custro) was for the respondents.

LOVE TRAGEDY.

QUARREL WITH PIANCE TERMINATES IN COOLIE'S BUICIDE.

A street coolie who is only known by his friends in the Colony by his nickname-" Pa Suk "--which means " good uncle," was found at about half-past six o'clock this morning hanging to the end of a piece of cord in his cubicle at 18, Square Street, Central district. When assistance was called and the body examined it was found that the coolie had died of strangulation and that death had intervened several hours before the body was discovered. It was customary for .Pu-Suk to leave the house each morning at five o'clock for work. This morning, he was not seen about and this caused the landlady some anxiety, ins the coole was not in the best of

money out of it, so he stopped it. He had one attaching the cord, kicked the support from un-

reuted in Singapore "to store timber." He. driven the man to suicide, It was about a smuggle a large quantity of arms and ammunitook a lease for five years and got it cancelled. month and a half ago that Pu Suk arrived in | tion into that province and that a sharp lookout, gerous buildings to be promptly closed by There was now no other liability on the Colony. He had very little money, and should be kept to effect the seiture of these cession. David lowed him \$10,000-his there | angaged a cubicle at the Square Street house, | shipments. of the loss in the venture. Witness had paid Some days, later he secured employment. Bection 63.-The mendment extends the all the liabilities, There-were \$30,000 spent. About two weeks ago Pu met's young lady-Anderson put \$13,000 and witness paid every- and to make a long story short they fell to the members of the different charitable institulove. True love, as is the saying, never runs | tions of Cantop are, proposing to import sice smoothly, and last week they quarrelled and "What do you consider the cause of your parted, Who was to blame for the separation was done last year in order to supply the is riot known, but it was stated that Pu Suk | public want Witness: "We sold shares, forward; people | tried to patch matters up, but it was unavailing.

## NAVAL NOTES.

SHIPS RE-COMMISSIONING,

After laying up for about four years the sloop Algerine was re-commissioned, on Wednesday list, with a crew brought out by H. M. cruiser. Royal Arthur. The Algerine will proceed to the North America and West Indies station. The survey vessel-H.M.S. Waterwitchwhich has done such excellent services on the Const. was also re-commissioned on the 4th

just. She remains on the China Station. The river gunboats-Robin, Moorhen and Sandpiper-had half new crews each, all of whom were brought out by the Royal Arthur! of this off-the last payment being in Sept. 19 7. The cruiser proceeds shortly to Woosung with reliefs for the river gunboats Bramble, Brilomurt, Thistle, Woodlark, Snipe, Teal and others of the Kinsha type on the Yangtie. On her way was not in their favour. They lost \$1,500 in back the Royal Arthur will embark all super-Naubs. The sum total of settlements to No- numeraries, invalids and prisoners homeward

The cruiser Monmouth, after being re-commissioned at Colombo, returned to the China "Yes," debtor replied. "I thought I was Station arriving in port this morning from solvent, and expected to be in December if the South.

#### RAUB CRUSHING.

Messra, E. S. Kadonrie & Co. are in receips of telegraphic advices from Singapore stating that the crushing of the Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd. for the past four weeks yielded 1,223 ozs gold from 7,243 tons stone, and by cyanide process, 200 ezi-extra 476 ozs-thus, making a total of 1,908 ozs in all.

FIRE ON THE MANCHURIAN RAILWAY.

TWENTY MAIL-BAGS DESTROYED.

"Information of a serious fire on a South Manchurian Railway train reaches us from Dalny (Tairen). According to a correspondent, the mail-van on the train which left Dainy at 5.40 a.m. on the 9th ult. caught fire in some way when the train was near Chang-tu at about one o'clock on the morning of 10th ultimo. Before the fire was extinguished twenty bags of mail were completely destroyed. The majority of these bags contained letters for Siberia and Kurope, so that considerable inconvenience—if not actual loss—is likely to result to business firms whose correspondence rias being carried by this train,

· An official statement has been issued by the Daloy post office authorities . confirming the report of the fire and the destruction of mail.

A SHIPPING DISASTER.

8.8. "CHINGPING" STRANDED.

The N. C. D. News of and inst. says :- The C. E. & M. S. Chingping, which left have for Chinwangtan on the morning of the 26th. ultimo, with one passenger and general cargo, went ashore about midnight on the 27th idem. on the rocks at West Point, Shihtau Bay, near the South-east Shantung Promontory. Very little information has as yet reached hanghai, as the nearest postal agency and telegraphic offices are at Weibaiwei-some sixty. miles away from the scene of the wreck. -bur it is reported that the bow of the Chinge. ping is up on the rocks, the foremast is broken, and the steamer is affost from the bridge aft. The passenger and the mails, for Tientsin, Peking, etc., were safely landed. The str. Shibata Maru has left Chefoo to render assistance and at 9.30 p.m. on Sunday, the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co.'s tender Victoria left Shanghai for Shih-tau Bay, fully equipped with salvage gear. The Victoria is expected 'to arrive at the scene of the wreck this morning.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

RAILWAY PROGRESS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 28th February, 1908. Yesterday the two newly-completed sections. of the Canton-Hankow Railway from Kongtsun to Kwoktong and thence to Sunkai were opened to public traffic. Early in the morning, Sir. Chentung Liang Cheng, the president, Taotal Kwong, the engineer-in-chief, the members of the board of directors of the Company and numerous others got on the train at Wongsha. -a special dining car being provided-and the train started for the first time over the new sections. A large quantity of firecrackers was: let off for the occasion, and a great crowd.

ceremony, which was of an informal character. The line from Wongsha to the Sunkai station

is a little over 19 miles. VICEROY'S BIRTHDAY. To-morrow will be the anniversary, of the birth of the Canton Viceroy, H.R. Chang Jonchun, when it is expected all his subordinates and the leading gentry of the city will call at his yamen to offer their congratulations on the occasion. It is reported that H.E. refused to accept all valuable presents that have been

presented to him except scrolls which are only,

gathered at the station to witness the opening

for decoration purposes. JUNK CAPSIZED, Yesterday a junk hamed the Shun On, carry. ing a number of passengers and a cargo of cattle and goods, was capsized by the wash. from the propellers of the steam-launch Wase Fat'when the vessels were passing the Mun, Kan Kow en route for Kam Kel village in the district of Panyu. The two Government patrol launches, the On Tung and the Kwong On, were in the vicinity at the time of the mishap and immediately steamed up to render assistance, and succeeded in rescuing about eighty persons and brought them back to this port. It is reported that about twenty persons have been drowned in the accident.

MORE "CASH" WANTED. H.P. the Viceroy is proposing that the Canton branch of the Imperial Mint should mint more one-cash copper pieces for circulation on the market,

VILLAGE ROBBERY.

A few days ago, a gang of robbers entered the Sha Ting village in the district of Payun and ransacked about 26 houses from which they carried away a large quantity of booty, One of the villagers was killed in the affray and several others wounded. The case has been reported to the local authorities.

20th Pebruary

ARMS SMUGGLING, The Canton Kwok Sac Po states that H.R. pay \$6,000. He had paid all but \$1,600 of and the body was cut down and removed to the Viceroy has wired to the Governor of the province of Chekiang to the affect that seven, Debtor also had to pay \$1,254 for land he . A quarrel with his flance is stated to have vessels are reported to be on their way, to

> As the prices of rice is going up day by day! from Andam for cheap sale in the same manuer

OBNOXIOUS CUSTOM TO BE ABOLISHED could not take them up and they had to be resold This worried him considerably, and once be 1. H.E. the Vicercy has received a despatch remarked that he could not live without her [ ] from the Mipletry of Law (Fage) at Posting

and March. A COLLISION.

About 8 a.m. on Saturday, the steam ferry launch of the Canton-Fatshan-Sainam Railway with passengers on board bound for the Shekwaiting Station from its wharf at Canton collided with a cargo-boat loaded with firewood, in the Macao Passage, owing to heavy fog. The boat was capsized and the Water Police hearing the alarm at once proceeded to the scene and succeeded in rescuing three persons. It is ascertained that three lives have been lost by the collision. As the launch could not reach Shekwaitong in time the first train to-Fatshan was considerably delayed.

HAILWAY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The directors of the Canton-Hankow'Railway Company have received telegraphic instructions from the Ministry of Communications and Posts at Peking, to the effect that those shareholders of the Company who are upable to pay their second instalment may at their option sell them to other individuals in conformity with the regulations of the Company.

PROPOSED SHIPPING CO. . Yesterday another, meeting in connection with the proposed floating of a shipping company to place steamers on the waterways of the province took place in the Canton Central Anti-Opium Association building at the Self-Government Association's offices. . The four. representatives from Fatshan were present together with members of the Self-Government, Association to draw up regulations and make arrangements for the opening of a branch office for the collection of subscription to shaves, at Fatshan. At this gathering it was decided to send representatives to various places such as Chuntsun, Kongmoon, Wuchow, etc., to make arrangements for the opening branch offices and also to select a member to proceed to Hongkong to consult with the officials of the Tung Wa Hospital and request their assistance in the matter. A big building situated in the Sap-pat-po Street is now under construction and will be got ready for the removal of the offices of the proposed undertaking. It has also been arranged that another meeting is to be held on the 2nd instant.

, THE "TATSU MARU." H.E. the Viceroy has deputed Taotais Wen and Wei to have an interview with the Japanese Consul here in connection with the Tatsu's Marn No. 2 case, and to-morrow H.E. will

pending question.

THE LIANG KWANG CHINESE S.S. CO. As the outcome of the West River patrol ag tation, the Canton Self-Government League was formed and this League has completed the: preliminaries for the formation of a shipping company with a capital of \$10,000,000 in shares of \$5.00 each to place steamers on the different lines in competition with foreign shipping companies. Meetings have been held on several occasions at the headquarters for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the formation, of, this, concern. Prospectuses have been issued to solicit subscriptions to shares and the Chinese residents in foreign countries have also becorrequested to take up shares. The Company is to be styled the Liang Kwang Chinese Mercantile Steamship Company, Limited, and the office, has to-day been opened for the collection of shares and subscriptions.

TELEGRAPH ADMINISTRATION,

Taotai Wen Tsung-yao yesterday took over charge of the official department of Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration (Canton branch) vice Taotai Liang an fun, who is transferred to Swatow as foreign deputy.

A COLLISION. junk Hop Lee in tow of the s.s. Po Hop collided sup orted by a continuous demand from the contrast with China's objection to Russian with the s.s. Sze Yup causing two large holes interior for several desirable spinnings at in the latter steamer's side near the deck and equotations. Reports of a strong ma ket in slightly damaging the junk.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO MANUFACTURERS.

The native manufactured products of the two provinces of Kwangtung and Honan were the best and obtained the highest honours among the goods that were sent up to the Capital for the Metropolitan Exhibition from the various provinces throughout the Empire. The Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce at Peking have now presented rewards in the shape of scrolls to the manufacturers of the two provinces through the Provincial Authorities and at the same time requested them to encourage the different manufacturers to ttain a still better standard and improvement in manfacturing the goods.

RAILWAY. The president of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company, Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, has forwarded a despatch to H.E. the Viceroy informing him of the opening of the two recently completed sections of the Canton-Hankow railway from Kongtsun to Kwoktong and thence to Sunkai on the 28th day of the 1st noon.

CEMENT WORKS. Yesterday, Taotai Lau Sui-lue, director of the Ganton Government Cement Works, at Honam, accompanied by a cement manufacturing expert, proceeded to Whampoa'to make an investigation of the sand there, which is

said to be sultable for the manufacture of

FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. In anticipation of the danger to passengers carried by the ferry boats across the river between the city of Canton and the suburb of Honam, the Police Department propose to place three pontoons along the frontage of the river on each side and three steam-launches

are engaged to carry passengers. 5th March,

ARMS FOR LIMCHOW. Yesterday, another quantity of arms and ammunition was despatched to the prefecture of Limchow under the charge of military offices

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

It is reported that the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section) will have a double track. but it is not yet ascertained whether the funds required for the purpose will be gaised by the Chinese Government or by I an from the Britishers.

CLAN FIGHT. ..

The local officials of the district of Nambo have reported to the Canton high authorities that a clan fight is, now taking place in Sai Bar Silver ..... 25 7/16 those of her son-in-law. There does not seem Chiu among the people of the clans surnamed. Ko, Cheung and Chan, A welyuan has been sent to restore order.

RICE. A number of big cargo junks has been engaged to proceed to Wuhn to import into Capton a quantity of rice, so it is hoped that, when these shipments of rice arrive, the price of the commodity will be lowered to an appreciable

TRADE BUREAU. "An office for the Canton New-Trade Centre" Bureau was opened yesterday to Chah Fun Stroet inside the city, and the opening cere i Benares Vew. mony was performed by the Pr vincial Treawarm, many officials of the city be pu present.

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 3rd March, 1908. Expectant Prefect Ting Ping-lan has been prointed director of the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Imperial Chinese section) by the high authorities.

A NEW BARRISTER.

HIS ADMISSION TO THE BAR.

Mr. Joseph Overbeck Anderson, formerly known as Hung Kwok Leung, barrister-at-law, secured his admission to the Bar at the Supreme Court last Monday morning. The Pon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who moved his enrolment, stated that the Court had on file the affidavit and declaration, showing that Mr. Anderson was admitted to Lincton's, College in May, 1906. His identity was proved by the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk and Mr. Ho Tung. The affidavit of Mr. C. F. Dixon, Counsel observed, showed also that he had adopted the name of Joseph Overbeck Anderson. He moved his enrol-

The Chief Justice—I have found the papers in order. I have much pleasure in admitting Mr. Anderson thanked the Court for it

kindoess, and retired.

COMMERCIAL.

YARN MARKET.

In their report dated 6th instant, Messis,

Our last circular was dated the 21st February. The yarn market during the past fortnight ruled very steady and in fulfilment of anticipations country orders have been steadily arriving resulting in the off-take being even better than in the preceding fortnight. The demand was both for "forward" and "spot" cargo :- settlements of the former amount to no less than 4.000 bales. Current prices ruled as on date of last report with a few exceptions in the case of the more fancied spinnings which advanced Si per bale. This appreciation might have been greater. The further discount in the rate of Chinese subsidiary coins and the high price of rice in Canton, and neighbouring districts militated against higher prices.

The stronger feeling in the Bombay market and the continued paucity of arrivals are favourable indications tending to foster anticihimself receive the Consul to discuss this pations of better times in the local market,

No. 201 .- A fair business was done in selected threads at last mail's prices. No. 16s.-Are not in inquiry.

No. 125.-A: and business transpired in best

No. 10s .- In request at current rates. No. 8r.-Rettiains neglected.

No. 6s,-Only two threads changed hands at quotations.

Market closes steady, Arrivals :- 1 er steamers Livatoon Apcar and Catherine Apear: (from Calcutta), and Takasaki Maru and Marmora (from Bombay)

of about 5,500 bales. Unsold Stock:-About 24,000 bales. Uncleared Stock :- About 21,0:0 bales. Exchange: -- We quote to-day as follows:--

T. T. at Rs. 1414 per cent. India Demand , Sh. 1.10 9/16d.=\$ London T. T. Demand .. 1. 1.10 d.=\$ 25 7/16d. per oz. Silver .....

Writing under same date, Messrs. Cawasjee, ... Pallaniee & Co. report :-

ult., à fair number of settlements has been current rates; and the Chinese' dealers are much more than those ruling here and also small importations have greatly supported our market which remains very steady.

Nos. 6s. and 8s.-Small sales have been reported at last mail quotations, No, tos :- Have been in good demand, and

prices have remained the same. No. 128:-A moderate business has been done in some approved spinnings owing to their cheapness.

No. 16s .: The demand for this count has ceased-only one thread being dealt in. No. 208:—A fair number of hales of some favourité spinnings have changed hands, prices being the same as quoted last.

Sales during the past fortnight comprise of about ico bales of No. 6s.; 100 of No. 8s 7,240 of No. 104.; 1,005 of No. 121; 50 of No. 168. : 1,565 of so, 205.; in all about 5,060 bales. Arrivals per steamers A. Apear, C. Apear Tokas ki Miru, and Marmora amount to

about ,5,200 bales. Shipment to Shanglai and Porthern Ports of about 2,000 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 27,001 bales,

Local Mills:-Sales of 50 bales of No. 55. at: \$89 and 200 bales of No. jos. at \$91 per bela have been reported. Japanese Yarn:-During the past fortnight

25 bales of No. 16r. at \$118 and 310 bales of No. 218, at 3122 to \$135 have been sold. Exchange :-- We quote on India to-day at Rs. 14 % On London at 14. 10.9/16d.

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OPIUM QUOTATIONS. To-day's quotations are as follows :--

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THE P. and O. steamer Peru, which left London on 3rd'ult., took coin silver for Singapore to the value of £43,312.

MR. TAKAHASHI (? President of the Yokohama Specie Bank) has delivered an address before the Japan Clubon Japan's international status.

to appoint Mr. T. H. King to act as assistan superintendent of police, with effect from the 22nd ulto.

Wz understand the directors of the Shanghai Ice, Cold Storige and Refrigerating Con Ltd. will recommend the payment of a dividend of a per cent, for the past year.

THE directors of the Shanghai and Hongkey Wharf Co., Ld, will recommend at the annual meeting the payment of a final dividend of nine theis per share for the year 1907.

THE Inspector of Schools, in the absence Ludy Lugard, through slight indisposition, distributed the prizes to the pupils of the Kowloon British School at noon last Wednes-

Mr. M. MATSUDA, Minister of Finance, has contradicted the report concerning Japan's hintention to bring home sixty or seventy million ven in specie from London in order to relieve the depression there

For ill-treating swine on board of cargo boat No. 1054 from a steamer in port to the slaughter house, at Kennedy Town, the master of the boat was arraigned in Police Court, last Wednesday, and fined \$50.

A FINE of \$5 each was imposed on nine sampan owners by Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, las Wednesday, at the Police Court, for remaining in the typhoon anchorage, at Causeway Bay without sufficient cause.

IT has transpired that the Japanese complaints against the unequal working of the Customs in North Manchuria mainly refer to the immunity enjoyed by Russian tobacco by virtue of the overland trade provisions.

OUR Canton correspondent writes that the board of directors of the Canton-"ankow Railway Company has decided to order, from the Tongshan Railway Works, sixty construction cars for the use of the Company.

THE commissions of the cruiser Astraea, Captain Frank E. C. Ryan, and the despatch vessel Alacrity, Commander Vontagu W Consett, will expire in September next. Bot will remain on the China Station.

THE report that reinforcements have been sent to Chientao is without foundation. It arose from the fact that eighty suttlers acted as a escort to some provisions, the transport of which had been stopped during the Chinese

Tire result of the Maxim competition between the four Half Companies for the "Gascoigne Shield," hel! at Tai Hang on Saturday last, was : 1st Right Half No. 2 Company Captain W. G. G. Wood.

MR. Francisco Tse Yat was decorated last Tuesday morning, by the Austrian Consul, with the Order of "The Golden Cross of Merit with the Crown" which was conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty, Francis Joseph I., a short

l administration in Harbin,

Bombay, together with the prices there being | O E of the most dastardly outrages which have occurred in Hongkong for some time was discovered when an unknown Chinaman was found dead on the hills do above the six-mile stone on the road to Taipo, last Tuesday morning, His throat was gashed and his pockets were rifled. All the discumstances point to a urder. The police are investigating the mitter.

> MESSES. Wheelock & Co. write under date Shanghai, 27th ult.:—The stagnation in our Homeward Freight market still continues; it is improve and we must confess that the prospects are very remote for some time to come. Coastwise: - There has been a little more movement. amongst shipping during the past fortnight, but things can hardly be said to have improved as there is still plenty of tonnage seeking employany extent.

> THE trial trip of the Tonyo Maru, built at the Mitsu Bishi Dockyard, was conducted on the 15th ult. about three and a half miles outside Nagasaki harbour. The steamer registered 19.361 knots, 17.431 knots, 19.421 knots and 18.388 knots in the first, second, third and in the steam pipes, and the result of the trial therefore postponed.

WHILE executing an opium warrant on board the Kam Po Shing trading junk, then anchored off West Point last Sunday afternoon, Policeman Cock!e found in one of the cabins seven spears, 200 rounds of ammunition, one tin of percussion caps, thirty-seven pounds of powder, and nineteen pounds of shot, ". which the master of the junk could produce repermit. He and his No. 2 were apprehended, and, at the Police Court, on Monday morning, were called upon to give an explanation. This they did to the satisfaction of the presiding magistrate, w discharged them, but confiscated the arms and ammunition.

A PECULIARLY sad suicide was discovered yesterday morning, reports the N. C. D. News of 20th ult. Mrs. Chatham, who apparently death of her husband last summer, had resided subsequently at her former quarters in the Shaughal Gas Company's buildings, adjoining and Dr. Marshall advised that Mrs. Chatham should be removed. Representations would have been made to H. B. M. Consulate-General vesterday morning if the distressing tragedy animation, but with no signs of success. A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR

GENERAL Nogi has made statements defending General Stoessel against the charges of which be has been condemned in connection with the siege of Port Arthur. ...

THE authorities in Tokio have published denial of the report that, in order to much i financial panic in lap n, they are endeavouring to raise Japanese bonds in London and New

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased A natch of ten deportees was landed in the Colony this morning from Sin apore. The were taken charge of by the police on labding and, as usual, returned to their homes in the

> THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ld. announces that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending February 15, 1908, amounted to 559 tons and the sales during the period to 5,875.10 tons.

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and the sales during the period to 15,159:35 tons IT is reported that Mr. C. W. Kinder, Genera Manager ad Engineer-in-Chief to the Chinese Imperial Railways, will shortly succeed Dr Haraguchi, the Japanese railway adviser to the Viceroy of Hunan and Hupeh, appainted during

H.E. Chang Chih-tung's regime."

Ar the annual meeting of shareholders of the Nagasaki Hotel, the chairman reported a loss for the past year of Y. 21:808, 8 due entirely to trade depression and the falling off in th number of visitors to the port. . It was decided to go into voluntary liquidation and to close the hotel.

THE engagement is announced of George Herbert Wakeman, of the Hongkong Civil Bervice, Land Officer and J. P. for the Colony eldest son of Mr. Hubert John Wakeman, o Warminster, and Winifred Anna, secon daughter of Mr. Edgar Morgan, of Whitson,

THE Japanese naval authorities are surveying the coasts of the Empire and adjacent coasts. Korea is to be concluded within the current year; Earmosa and Yetrof (one of the Kurile is ands) in 1910, Saghalien, the seven isles of Idze and the northern Kurlles within a further period of ten years,

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. Broke, on promotion to that rank, has passed over five of his immediate seniors on the majors list, to which he was advanced in April 1900. Lieut. Bioke, who is wich in 1883. He served throughout the Boer. campaign (wounded), receiving both the medals awarde ....

THE Japanese Foreign Office has instructe the Governors of I rovinces to communicate beforehand with it when more than two persons apply simultaneously with similar objects in view for passports to the United States or to. Canada, "his step has been taken for the purpose of preventing fraud on the part of emigrants leaving the country en musee.

Armstrong; 2nd Left No. t Company Captain THE Japanese Spinning Union is offering Sco.co in przes for a bi-monthly competition from March onwards. Tickets are to be obtginable in Shanghai. The authorities are unable legally to prohibit the enterprise, but deprecate the idea as disgraceful to Japan's main enterprise, and also print out that counter competition by Anglo-Indian firm; will inevitably

'After the issue of our last report on the 21st | THE Russian and Japanese authorities have THE Chinese Government has decided to ta e hours stocks, notified their respective nationals in the two up the Fakumen-Hainmintun railway question effected during the interval in some counts at railway zones of North and South Manchuria with the Japanes. Minister here, and has to conform with the requirements of the Pro- directed. E. Tang Shao-yi, Governor of Fong THE s'eamer. Albatrois, of the United States tiations. The Governor is expected to arrive in Peking on March 1 .- The lokio authorities deny that they have received representations from Sir Edward Grey with regard to the Fakumen railway.

> THE Simulapao states that Lord Li Chingfang. Chinese Minister in London, has recently telegraphed to the Waiwupu stating that, view of the action of the United States in reducing their share of the Boxer Indemnity. some members of the British Parliament are of opinion that the British, Government should accede to the request of China to hand back Weihniwei. It is reported that the members very difficult to say when things are likely to, of the Waiwupu were greatly gratified by the

> MR. L. Treml, Secretary to the Imperial German Consulate in Singapore, has been transferred to Sydney where he joins the Consulate there under: Dr. Limer. Mr. Treml ment and coast rates have not advanced to arrived by the German Mail last Tuesday en roule to Australia. This gentleman has been a popular member of the Germ n community in Singapore and takes away with him many good wishes from his friends in Singapore for his official future in the German Consular

> According to explanations given by the Naval fourth trials respectively. Towards the begin- Delegate in the Diet, the Japanese fleet now ning of the second trial a leak was discovered | consists of-13 battleships with an aggregate tonnage of 191.3.0; 12 armoured cruisers with being unsatisfactory, it was suspended and the an aggregate toonage of 130,683; 47 war-ships engine's examined. On the fifth trial a safety of other descriptions, the tonnage of which valve of the boiler broke down. The trial was | totals 165,253; 55 des royers, representing a total tonnage of 20,508, and 77, torpedo-bonts having annggregate tonnage of 7,258. Thus the fleet at the present time consists of 204 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 515,082.

> > LAST Saturday night, Mr. H. F. Nash, second officer of the steamer Pathan, came across three coolies engaged in broaching the ship's cargo. The men were seen tampering with a barrel of stout. Mr. Nash gave chase and captured one of the delinquents. The others escaped by jumping overboard and swimming to a sampan. The capture was handed over to the Water Police, and appeared in the Police Court, on Monday, on a charge of theft. He was given three weeks gaol and six hours' stocks.

ASSAULTING a clerk named Cheng, Young Chung at Wanchal, assaulting Indian policehad suffered from mental aberration since the man 694 while on duty, and damaging his uniform to the extent of \$1.50 were the charges a Private belonging to the Middlesex Regiment had to answer at the Police Court, last Monday morning. A Japanese, by name Kockichi Kobayashi, of the steamer Wakamatsu Maru, who went to the assistance of the soldier while during this week a turn for the worse occurred be was in custody and attempted to Play out" the Indian constable, had also to answer a charge of assault. The whole trouble was caused by the soldier striking the Chinaman on the face with his cane. This had not taken place. Judging from the sur. brought a policeman, who took the private roundings, it appears that Mrs. Chatham had into custody. Kockihi, who was passing in a gore into a state of frenzy sometime during ricksta at the time, noticed the soldier's the early morning and securing a piece of rope | predicament, and, springing out of the vehicle. had hanged herself from a beam which crosses sprang on the policeman, There was a rough one of the rooms she occupied. When the and tumble fraces; assistance arrived, and the body was discovered a lady who formerly was lallies were strested. The private was fined. a trained nurse endervoured at once to restors | in all, \$31.5 and the Japanese \$15 for their

THE name of Dr. George P. Caldwell, M.D. University of Havard, U.S.A., bas been added to the register of medical and surgical practitioners qualified to practise medicine and surgery in this Colony. Dr. Caldwell's address is the Oriental Hotel.

INTELLIGENCE from Peking states that, with regard to the arrest of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Mary, the Japanese Minister has written to the Walwupu threatening that a great responsibility will fall upon the shoulders of the Chinese Government, if the latter does not comply with Japan's request.

T is reported that the Downger Empress of China intends to retire immediately, giving to the Emperor full political power, and appointing Grand Councillors Chang Chih-tung, Yuan Shih-kai and Sun Chir-ting advisers to the Throne. In case the advisers fail to decide any question, the Dowager Empress will decide it.

WE are requested to state that, by kind permission of the German Admiral, the Band of the Flagship, Fürst Bismarck, will give a concert, at the City Hall, on Saturday, the 14th inst. The proceeds of the concert will be devoted to the funds of the " Home for the B'ind," at K wloon, confucted by the Hildesheim Mission . Considering the worthy object for which the concert is held it should be largely patronised.

SHORTLY after to'clock to-day Lady Lugard arrived at Black Pier from Government House, to embark on board the P. & O. s.s. Marmora for Shanghai. H.E. Sir Frederick Lugard. accompanied by Capt in Taylor, A.D.C., saw Her. I advship to the mail ste mer. The party Lady Lugard proceeds to the North for, a short change, having been suffering from slight indisposition recently. The Marmora left for Shanghai at 5 p.m. to-day.

Tre opening of the National Bank which heing organised by the Board of Posts and Communications has been postponed owing to certain unexpected delays in the arrangements It has been decided, however, that it shall be apened after the Chinese Dragon Boat Festi. val (ard of June) and that branch offices shall be established in foreign countries. Competent managers have been selected from among the returned students from America and Euroof, who will have charge of the foreign

IT is reported that a dispatch has been rereived in Manila to the effect that the cable which was recently sent to the President by the evangelical union, remonstrating against now at Hongkong, joined the army from Wool- the carnival cocknit has been referred to the hureau of insular affairs. The governor-general declares that nothing has been received by him to that effect and he knows nothing officially about it. It is understood, however, that no interference in the matter of the cockpit will he taken by the government in Washington and that the affair, an far as the authorities at Washington are concerned, is closed.

> CHEUNG TAK, a sh p coolie, who, until the Ath instant, was employed by the Paris Toilet Company, of 143, Queen's Road Central, was arrested yesterday in B-aconsfield Arcade on a charge of theft. It was stated that between the 6th ulto, and 3rd instant two bottles of perfume and three towels went amissing from the store. On the 4th: Cheung did not torn up for d ty and suspicion fell on him When he was apprehended one of the missing towels was found in his room. He was also charged with sheenting himself from his work without nermission. At the Police Court, he was sen stenced to six weeks' hard labour and four

At 7.30 p.m. on the 3rd instant, the Chinese making small but effective purchases, being wincial administrations. The step is in sharp tien, to co e to leking to conduct the nego. Fisheries Commission, is now being used in the Iolo-waters to locate and determine the pearl beds. This work will engage the attention of the experts for some time. Mr. Seal, who is the insular government representative on the boat, has already done a large amount of technical work on the formation of pearls. He is very familiar with the work the Japanese have done in stimulating the oysters to produce. nearl and will do much to advance the supply in the Jolo waters . In the southern waters there are schools of small fish about the size of sardines. These schools will be located and the Albatross will work through the somhern waters from Zamboanga to Tawi Tawi. At the same time attempts are being made to locate deep sea fish,

> THE Mon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated, Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:-

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VESSELS IN PORT

STRAMBEL. Anghin, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Chr. Kümpel,-4th Mar., - Saigon '28th' Feb., Rice. - B. & S. Ascot, Br. s.s., 3,045, Booth, 4th Mar.,-Moji 29th Feb., Coal.-G., 1/1 & Co.

Alabia, Ger. a.s., 2,868, C. Neumann, 4th Mar., -Portland, Or. 20th Jan., Flour and Gen. -P. & A. S. S. Co. Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 997, Le Bail, 6th Mar. Saigon and Mar., Gen,-Man Fat & Co.

bomas, 3rd Mar.,-Calcutta r4th Feb. Penang and Singapore 26th Feb., Gen. D. S. & Co., Ld. Theong Shing, Br. 3.3., 1,256, F. Wheeler, 6th Mar.,-Canton 5th Mar., Gen.-J., M. &

Catherine Apcar, Br. s.s., 1,730, W. D. A.

Clara Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, J Jewsen, 28th Feb.,-Saigon 23rd Feb., Rice.-], & Co. Countield, Br. s.s., 2,784, J. Wiseman, 2nd Mar.,-Ching-wang-tau 25th Feb., Gen .--G., L. & O.

Delta, Br. s.s., 4,743, C. L. Daniel, 6th Mar.,

-Shanghai and Mar, Mails and Gen .-P. & O. S. N. Co. Empress of China, Br. s.s., 3,046, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 1 th Feb ,-Vancouver, B.C., 21th

Jan., and Shanghai 'tth' Feb., Mails and Gen.-C. P. R. Co. ausang, Br. s.s., 1 065, Malkin. 2 th Feb. Saigon and Feb., Rice.-J., M. & Co.,

Feb., -Dainy 21st Feb., Beans. -Order. boarded the launch Victoria for the Marmora. Hellas, Ger. s.s., 1,5 6, J. Sach, and Mar.,-Saigon 27th Feb., Rice. + H. A. L. Holstein, Ger, s.s., 1,101, N. Neijahr, 5th Mar.,

Halvard, Nor. B.B. \*, 76, R. Ranneberg, 6th

-Tourane 2nd Mar., Coal and Rice .- J. Hong Bee, Br. s.s., 2,005, Holme, 6th Mar.,-Penang and Singapore roth Feb., Gen.-

Idomeneus, Br s.s. 4 280, A. D. Baker, 6th Mar. - Liverpool 25th Jan., and Singapore 29th Feb., Gen .- B. & S.

naba Maru, Jap. s.s., 6,00 , Wm. Bainbridge," 5th Mar,-London 25th Jan, and Singapore 29th Feb., Gen.- N. Y. K. have, Ger. s.s., 1,450, Vogeler 4th Mar,-

Wuhu 26th Feb., Fice.-H. A. L. Joshin Maru, Jap. 8 8., 702, H. S. Smith, 5th Mar.,-Amoy and Swatow 3rd Mar., Gen.

Kennebec, Br. s.s., 3,3 ", C. R. Beynow, 3rd Mar,-Stianghai 29th Feb., Gen.-S. O. Kohsichang, Ger. s.s., 1,258, C. Rosiefsky, 3rd Mar.,-Bangkok 24th Feb., Rice.-B

Kwanglee, Ch. s.s., 1,468, R. Lincoln, the Mar.,-Canton 5th Mar., Gen.-C. M. S.,

Liangchow, Br. ss. 1,205, H. Harder, 6th Mar. - Canton 5th Mar., Gen: - B. & %. Mandal, Nor. s.s., 1,194, K. Gabr e sen, 23rd Feb.,-Saigon 4th Feb., Rice and Paddy.

-Wallem & Co. Mineola, Br. s.s., 3,129, H. S. ott, 3rd Mar.,-Singapore 20th Feb., Ballast .- Order, Mongolia, Am. s.s., 8,750, R. H. Hathaway, 77th Feb. - San Francisco 30th Jan. Honolulu 6th Feb, Yokohama 18th; Kobe 20th, Nagasaki 22nd, and hanghai 27th, Mails and Gen.-P. M. S. S. Co.

Onsang, Br. s.s., 1,787, R. Cox, 20th Feb.,--. Java 17th Feb., Sugar. -- J., M. & Co. Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,057, F. Wenpel, 1st Mar., -Bangkok 23th Feb., Gen.-B. & S. Persia, Br. s.s., 2,744, A. Dixon, 11th Inn.,-San Francisco 7th Dec., and Portland, Or.

15th, Flour - O. & O. S. S. Co. Petchaburi, Ger. s.s., 2,190, C. Wolff, 1st Mar, -- Swatow 29th Feb., Rice and Saltier t Pitsanulok, Ger. s.s., 1,267, D. Reimers, 2nd Mar. - Saigon 26th Feb., Gen., Rico-flour

Pongtong, Ger. s.s., 997, W. Böteführ, 6th Mar.,-Bangkok 24th Feb., Rice.-B. & S. Progress, Nor. s.s., 1.641, T. Schjervik, 2. th Feb.,-Sandakan, 14th Feb., Timber and Firewood.-Wallem & Co. Prometheus, Nor. s.s., 1,024, O. Kornelinssen, 3rd Mar. - Bangkok 23rd Feb , Rice - M.

and Paddy -B. & S.

Samsen, Ger, s.s., 1,642, F. Schmitz, 4th Mar. -Saig in 2 ith Feb., Rice and Paddy.-B. Sexta, Ger. s.s., 992, Desler, 21st Feb.,-

hai 29th Feb., Gen.—B. & S. Slavonia, Ger. s.s., 4,5,4, Kotzke, 5th Mar.,-Amoy 4th Mar., Gen .- H. A. L. Standard, Nor. 18.5., 207, Bull. 1st Mar.,-Seigon 24 h Feb., Rice and Gen.-Wallem & Co...

Shansi, Br. s.s., 1,668, Boyd, 4th Mar:, -Shang-

Saigon 14th Feb., Rice.—S. & Co.

Singapore 20th Feb., Kerosine.-Mr. Geo. McBain. Taiwan, Br. s.s., 1,102, J. A. Martin, 1st Mar, 3 -Saigon 25th Feb., Rice. - Chinese, Taiyuan, Br. s s., 1,459, L. Dawson, 2nd Mar., -Sydney 8th Feb., and Manila 29th, Gen.

Stenin, Br. s.s., 1,396, Farrell, 8th Feb .-

Tean, Br. s.s., 1,346, Outerbridge, 6th Mar.,-Manila and Mar., Gen.-B. & S. Thordis, Nor. s.s., 1, 91, J. Jorgeosep, 27th Feb. - Saigon 2 nd Feb., Rice - Order. Tjimahi, Dut. s.s., 2,146; Honman, tst Mar. Muntok 2 at Feb., Sugar, -J. C. J. L. Triumph, Ger. s.s., 68c. J. Hendigen, 4th.c. Mar.,-Holhow 3rd Mar., Gen.-J. & Co-

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Sambo and Feb., Pu k Oil,-Meyer & Co. Tungshing, B. ss, 1, 6, W. Stalker, 6th Mar.,-Canton 5th Mar., Gen.-J. M. & Wongkoi, Br. s.s., 1,13 . W. Reher, 29th Feb., -Bangkok 16th Feb., and Kohsichang 22nd, Rice and Gen.-H. & S. Yoneyama Maru, Ja . s.s., N. Iwahashi, 24th

Feb.,-Nagasaki 19th Feb., Coal.-M. B. Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, F. Rolfe, 3rd Mar. . . - Manila 1st Mar., Gen, -J.; M. & Co. Zafiro, Br. s.s., 1,619, R. Rodger, 5th Mar. ... Manila and Mar., Hemp Su ar, Cigars and

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#### WEATHER-FORECASTS AND Intimation. SHARE QUOTATIONS. STORM-WARN, YGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG Supplied by Messie. E. S. Kanconin & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5. THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. OBSERVATORY. POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT RETURN NO. OF CLOSING. PRESENT STOCKS. LAST DIVIDEND. BHARES. AT WORKING I, ICE HOUSE ROAD, METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS. QUOTATION. INDITATIONS RESERVE. BARTDON LAR ACCOUNT. THANK DIV. HONGKONG. Meteorological signals are hoisted on the BANKE mast in front of the Water Police Station a. £1,500,000) \$695 London £76 Final of £2 on old and £1.10/- on new shares for }-year ending 31.12.07 Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters \$2,000,387 13,500,000. Hongkong & Shanghal Banking Corporation of vessels leaving the port. They do not \$250,000] CABLE ADDRESS :- Telegraph, Hongkong necessarily imply that bad weather is expected \$2 (London 3/6) for, 1903 National Bank of China, Limited MARINE INSURANCES. 1,550,000 \$219,058 Gapton Insurance Office, Limited \$20 for 1906 A,CONE indicates a Typhoon THE leading English Newspaper in China \$401,050 to the North of the £125,000 Final of 7/6 per share making in all 15/-2 Also widely circulated in Japan, Cochin Tls. 204,424 Colony, North China Insurance Company, Limited Tis. 100,000 Tis, 84 sellers for 1906=Tls. 2.65.... TIS. 48,942. China, Ceylon, India and the Far East \$3,000,000 generally. 670,000 A CONE indicates a Typhoon Final of \$12 making \$42, for 1905 and \$455,407 Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited perto the North-Rast point upwards 13,400 interim of \$30 on 1006 of the Colony. and DkUM A daily newspaper with weekly edition \$817,618 below \$850,000 published for despatch by the homeward mail Yangtare Insurance Association, Limited ...... S140 buyers FLOO: fir for year ending 31.12. 5 \$159,113 \$100 The daily is recommended as more generally FIRE INSURANCES. \$1,000.000 \$146.c97 \$172,432 \$6 and bonus \$4 tot 4 6 ..... A DRUM China Fire Insurance Company, Limited ..... 189 ex div. indicates a Typhoon 2100 suitable, except for subscribers in Europe or to the East of the \$1,256,483 \$435,236 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited \$332} ..... **\$250** 12 2 Colony. America. China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited ..... A special feature is made of full and accur-.\$4 in year enting to 1007 initianity Douglas Steamship Company, Limited A COME indicates a Typhoon ate reports of local occurrences, and of mat-\$250,000 } (Sit arand same making in all \$217 to the South-East point down-\$575 000 Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld. ".... 80,000 5281 of the Colony. for year ending 31.1 7.07 ...... wards and \$75,270 ters of general interest. DRUM below \$ 20 COO. $\mathcal{L}$ 60,000 $\mathcal{L}$ Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld. (Preferred) 5/- for 1906 @ ex 2/2 = \$2.24 per share [270,000] · £5 A COME indicatesa Typhoon Tis. 47 Tis. 50 sellers Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited...... 200,000 Tis. 54,372 Tis, 13,327 Interim of Tis. 12 for account 1907 ....... Tis. 50. Tis. 50 to the South of the point down-000,001 [400.000] ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT. 172,370 Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited ... 2,000,000 Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 8 in a/c 1907) wards Colony. £1,871 \$65,c x \$25 buyers \$1.00 } in year end n. 0.4.1907.... Star \* Ferry Company, Limited ..... 532 us7 512) buyers. The Hongkong Telegraph is the best fio Tis, 98,000 A CONE indicatesa Typhoon 135, 410,479 point downto the South-West medium for advertising in China. It circulates Tis, 62,030 Final of Tis. 3 making Tls. 6 for 1906 ...... Tis. 47 buyers Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited ............ wards and of the Colony. 7 is, 81,100 BALL below Tis. 30,000 J largely among all classes of the community, 20,000 100 450,000 100 :8 for year ending 31.13.06 ...... is the largest daily newspaper and has a Luzon Sugar Refining Company, L. mited...... \*,000 -·' DE. \$15 sales 100 A BALL 14: 18Q7 ...... indicatesa Typhoon wider circulation than any journal in the Far Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited ...... 100,000 Tis. 80 seliers Th. . (8 %) int year ending 31.8.06 ....... to the West of the Hast. 150,000 Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld...... 1.000,000 Tis, 15 sellers £84 393 } Final of 1/6 (No. 9) for 1907 ..... Special attention given to effectively display-Saub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited L4.273 A CONE Indicates a Typhoon 13 Ing advertisements. to the North-West and BALL of the Colony. DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS. The type used as a standard for setting Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited £4.124 \$1.75 for year ending 3 .. 12,06 ...... advertisements is similar to this, unless we are Hongkong & Kowloon Wharl and Codown Co., Ld... Red Signals indicate that the centre is ( OO \$55 old: **0,000** Interim of \$2 for six months ending June? 23,1 (2 3,047 instructed to display the advertisement, when (SSS) new believed to be more than 300 miles away. from 20,000 \$50 130,000 the Colony. 100,000 any effective style of type will be adopted, Bongkong and Whampon Deck Company, Ld. ...... 596 buyers 0.000 . :41,442 F CO. Final of \$4 making \$8 for 1937...... \$50,000 } Black Signal, indicate that the centre is Interim of Tis, 21 tot six months ending Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ld. ...... Tis. 80 sa, & b. 0001,0000,1 In 10,450 This standard runs exactly eight lines to the believed to be less than 300 miles away from-5. 487,210 Tis. 10, 100 the Colony, Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited ... Tis. 2114 sales 1 . 23,117 Interim of Tls. 8 for account 1907 . too inch, and about eight words to the line. -; Tis 190,100 Tis. 75,000. The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS. positions or are moving in such directions that Angle-French Land Investment Co., Ld. 718. 15,000 Tls. 3,388 Tis. 105 ... Tis. 6 for 141 months ending 28.2.07 ....... stor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai) ... information regarding them is considered \* 30 000 10,908 522 bayers 122 for year ending 30.6.07 ...... Central Stores, Limited ... be of importance to the Colony or to shippi DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES. \$1.80 for 1906 ...... 31,000 \$14 sollers Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited ..... leaving the harbour. '4 for 1st half-year ending 30.6.07 ..... \$103 10,925 dongkong-Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld. ... Final of \$34 making in all 37 for year? Notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages 250-100 \$100 \$100 DOJ 3 .91, These signals are repeated at the Harbour ending 31,12,07 ..... umphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited ... 1217 4267 'Sto 70 cents for 1907 Sto buyers. Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal' SI each insertion in the Daily and Weekly. -350,∞00∫ owloon Land and Building Company, Limited ..... Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the 4.4 for 1007 ..... 1,000 Final of Tis, 3 and bonus of Tis, 2 making ? Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Tis. 1,523,045] banghal Land Investment Company, Limited ..... 78,000 Tis. 105 sellers Tls, 107,547 Company at Kowloon. 19. 170,00C est Point Building Company, Limited ...... Final of \$2.10 making in all \$4.10 for year ending 31.12.07..... URGENT SIGNAL. CONTRACT ADVERTISEMENTS. In addition to the above, when it is expected Tis: 150,000? we Coulon Stituting and Weaving Company, Ld.... that the wind may increase to full typhoon Fla. 50 Tls. 21 for year ended 31.10.1967 ............... Tis. 23 276 \$ on. kong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing? force at any moment, the following Urgent 50 cents for year ending 31.7.07 ..... Special Rates for standing advertisements 125,000 \$50,0ca 114,269 Signal will be made at the Water Police prematicipal Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld.... Tis, 6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8 %) ...... Tis. 3 50,000 Tis. 55 sellers can be ascertained from the Manager. 10,000 Tis. 85,519 Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office :anu-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld. Tis, 100 Tis, 100 8,000 none ' Tis, 75 Tls. 8 for 1906,.... Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited. THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS Tis. 270 Tis. 500 Tis. 500 Tis. 28,257 Tis, 50 for 1906 ........ 115. 50,663 Advertisements for the Dally should reach OF TEN SECONDS. MISCELLANE US the Hongkong Telegraph Office not later than A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same ell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited ........ £1,299 1/3 per share for 1906 ...... 12/5 512 hina-Borneo Company, Limited..... time, superior to the other shapes. \$10 sales F0,000 - 512 noon of the day they are intended to appear. Final of Tls. 5 making Tls. 10 for 1905 ... none Thina Flour Mill Co., Limited ..... Tis. 48 buyers Tis. 50,000 ls, so Tls. 889 Jhina Light and Power Company, Limited ..... 50,000 NIGHT SIGNALS. 16 sellers Do. special shares to cents for year ende 1 28.2.06 ...... . \$25,000 none. The following Night Signals will be exhibit-China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld .... Unless otherwise specified all advertisements 19 sales. \$120,000 **5**10 ed from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water \$60,000 } will be repeated and charged for until counter-Dairy Farm Company, Limited Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office 25,000 \$1.30 for year ending 31.7.07 ...... \$5,000 } Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar. manded. Stif sellers 400,000 Interim of 50 cents per share for a/c 1907... \$11,000 \$10,804 Hall & Holtz, Limited \$23 sales 101 % 21,000 \$21 for year ending 28.2.07 ...... \$186,000 I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green \$15,002 longkong Electric Company, Limited ...... 61 % 11 per share for year ending 28.2.07 ...... indicates that a typhoon is believed to be 2000 \$2,953 situated more than 300 miles from the Colony \$225 ex div. Final of \$15 making in all \$19 for 1907...... Interim of 80 cents per share for a/c 1907.... 5,000 \$120,000 \$4,578 JOBBING DEPARTMENT. 50,000 \$20 sales laatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch- en Landbouwex-} \$65,000 (Final of Tis. 74 and bonus of Tis. 24 mak-) II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green Tls: 547,500] Tis. 420 sollers GE, 100 Tis. 17,127 Tis, 27,6035 ing in all Tis. 32 for 1907 ....... indicates that a typhoon is believed to be Peak Tramways Company, Limited Job Printing of all descriptions undertaken \$1 per sh. tor period from 19th Oct. to 30th Apr. '07 Peak Tramways Company (new) situated less than 300 miles from the Colony. none 50,000 S7 buyers Sto. None : seres seres seres seres seres seres seres seres PROGRAMMES: III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, shanghai Gas Company, Limited Tis. 108 sellers 24,000 Tis. 50 Interim of Tls. 31 for account 1907..... indicates that the wind may be expected to Tis, 100,000 Tis. 7,990 shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ld. Tis, 40 sellers. increase to full typhoon force at any moment. Tis. 67,323 PAMPHLETS, Tls. 9,751 Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited ...... Tis. 45,000 ] Final of Tis. 5 and Tis. 10 for 1906 ....... Tis. 45 buyers Tis, roo Tls. 3,354 No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Tis, 8,000 Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited .... Tls. 24,820] CARDS, Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the Tis. 1334 b. ex d. 30,000 Final of Tis. 9 making in all Tis. 14 for 1907 Tls. 20 Tis. 7.843 Tis. 75,000 information conveyed by this signal being first hanghai Waterworks Company, Limited..... Interim of 15/- for account 1907 (old) ... Tis. 375 sales 16,350 published by night. Tls. 190,000 Interim of 11/3 for account 1907 (new) ... South China Morning Post, Limited CIRCULARS, 6,000 none Steam Laundry Company, Limited \$6 sellers . These Night Signals will, be substituted the 40 cents for year ending 31.5.07 ...... none ientsin Waterworks Company, Limited ...... Tis. 97 sellers the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when Tis, 100 Tis. 100 TIL 15,295 Z Tis, 61 for year ending 30.4.07 Tis, 201 Tis. 4,000 } Union Waterboat Company, Limited necessary, be altered during the night. 50,000 \$80 cents on 9,900 ord. shares and \$19.80 on } Inited Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited ...... All job printing is done under European SUPPLEMENTARY I WARNINGS. 10,000 \$35,000 100 Founders shares for yr. end. 31.5.07 Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited. \$300,000 } \$25,000 } For the benefit of Native Oraft and passing supervision, well turned out, free from errors, Sto buyers 93,000 61 % Interim of 30 cents for account 1907 ....... Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at William Powell, Limited (Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the l \$5 buyers and remarkably cheap at each of the following stations during the time year ended 30th June, 1900 that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour, THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH Gap Rock. 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While the noble lord made it evident that be horoughly understood his subject, he did not succeed in approaching it from a non-partisan point of view. Indeed, be overdid the critical part-trying to make it appear that the agree ment was almost entirely bad from beginning to end. In jegard to Persia, he said that in creating a Russian and a British sphere we had so arranged matters that Russia had by far the best of it. Out of twelve chief to tos Russia had eleven and we had one. Russia had the greater number of the trade routes. Our sphere was about half the size of the Russian sphere, and, moreover, our part consisted of what the late Lord Salisbury used to deacribe sarcastically as "very light soil." Our interests in Persia were not strategical so much as political, economic, commercial, and telegraphic, and these interests, he said, had been mainly abandoned. There were no assurances in the agreement concerning our status and rights in the Lerslan Gulf. Of course, it the agreement meant the two Powers was done away with, he would rejoice in spite of the concessions, but that was by no means the RUSSIA AND AFGHANISTAN. ;

It was true that the "We.tminster Gazette declared that this agreement contained for the first time in history an assurance by Russia that Alghanistan is beyond her sphere, of influence, and that all negotiations concerning Afghanistan must be conducted with Great Britain. Lord Curzon answered this by hinting that the paper in question knew but little about the subject. "Russia gave us such assurances, first of all in 1869, and she has repeated them in 1874, '76, '77, '78, '82, '84, '65, '87, '88, and 1930-said Lord. Curzon-and noble lords laughed when he added some remarks about the cumulative effect of repeated assurances. He doubted the wisdom of letting Russian commercial agents into Afghanistanfor commerce and politics were so, intimately bound up. Lord Curzon was even more emphatic about Tibet-we had made, he said sacrifices in Persia, and an absolute surrender in Tibet. I'e did not see why Russia should have anything to say in regard to Tibetan APPFOVED BY AUTHORITIES

Lord Fitzmaurice gave the Government version of the case, and claimed that this agreement was a matter to be taken as a whole, and not discussed in detail. He admitted that Lord Curzon had exceptional knowledge in regard to such a subject, but, on the other hand, the Government had advisers, some of whom were equally well informed. They had the pick of the Foreign and India Offices, officials who knew Persia and Persian affairs intimately. Our Imbassador at St. Petersburg was second to none in this respect, and he warmly approved of the agreement. So did Sir Charles Hardinge and the leading members of the India Council. Moreover, the Imperial Bank of Persia had been founded and conducted successfully by some of the most hard-headed and practical business men of this country, and they were convinced that the agreement was greatly to our advantage in Persia. ALARMIST THEORIES.

He thought the testimony of such men was as valuable as the opinion even of Lord Curzon himself. He had heard alarmist theories preach ed 20 years ago by the same school that was now preaching them Then, as now, we were told that the knell of Great Britain had sound ed-but those predictions had been falsified. In regard to Afghanistan, Lord Curzon had asked what we would do if there was another Penidah incident? "Well," answered Lord Firmantice, "that was an act of war and I decline, in discussing a treaty of peace, to say what would happen if we were at war. 1" The reason why no allusion had been made to our status in the Persian Gulf was because that status was recognised and assured, and it would have weakened rather than stren, thened it to have said anything more on the subject. TIBETAN RELATIONS.

And finally he said, amid approving cheers from the Liberals, that his views on Tibeta policy were not the same as those of Lord Corgon. This Government held that Tibet was so remote and distant: from India. that our policy there should be a minimising one. We should aim at reducing the number and extent of our engagements there, and we should draw back from further adventure in that country. It was generally felt that Lord Fitzmaurice had made an able and detailed reply to criticisms which were not easy 'to meet on the spur of the moment, and which had been advanced by an acknowledged ex-

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 5th Match, 1908.

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The following is taken from the Singapore Free Press of 28th ult.:

Oh I shares, shares, and nothing else !" was the reply of Harold Latham, broker, at his public examination in bankruptcy, when asked to account for his insolvency. Debtor yesterday appeared before Mr. Justice Sercombe Smith in the Council Chamber and for nearly the whole of the morning he was under examination, the information elicited, being in teresting, and throwing an instructive light on the pitfalls of forward selling and the refusal of people to take up the share-with a falling market and loss as the sequels.

Mr. Emerson appeared with the acting Offi cial Assignee.

Mr. Montagu Harris said he appeared for creditor and would cross-examine the debtor, and the Acting Official Assignee said there was no objection provided he had a written authority from the creditor. Counsel had no this written guthority.... His client lived in

THE FIRM'S COMMENCEMENT. Debtor, Harold Latham, went into the box, and said at the time of his failure his occupation was that of exchange, share, shipping, coal and produce broker. The name of his firm was Latham and Co, and he was sole partner. The film started business on April 1, 1902, as Latham and Co. From that time till now he had been the sole partner." He first arrived in Singapore in 1879, He came out first to a merchant firm-Syme and Co. and he went to Java, for them. He left Java for England in 1885 and returned a year later, when he started his business as a broker as H. Latham, with no paitners, until 1897. Then Mr. J. G. Mactaggart joined as a partner. They wert on to March 31, 1902, when they dissolved partnership, by mutual consent. Then he started

His lordship: "What was your balance at the bank?"

Latham and Co. which went on to the time

of his bankruptcy. His capital at the time was

perhaps \$1,000 which was already in the busi-

Debtor: "A few' hundred dollars." When they dissolved they had had very heavy losses He collected the assets of Latham and Mactaggart and paid the liabilities.

The Judge: "Which were the greater?" Debior; . "The liabilities. I went into liquidation." Bankrupt added to the Official Agsignee, that they compromised, some debts He started with a clean sheet. The books he kept were cash, and day books, journal, and ledger and progress books-"contract books that brokers keep." They were audited by Mr. Rennie in 1904 which was the only time Latham and Co.'s books were audited. A Chinese clerk once a month made out a balance sheet. Asked if he made money in 1902, debtor said. Yes." Roughly they must have made a profitof about \$0,000 a month next year, and all the time until the end of 1905 they made about \$1:500 a month. A year later they lost money. He accounted for this by selling shares forward at a loss, debtor replied to the Judge.

On January 3, 1908, he filed his own petition. The office expenses in 1907 were monthly over \$1,000. He remitted home £600 for his family how the transaction took place. He knew the in 1957 and his personal expenses were about \$300 a month. . He had four children at home.

' Did you as Latham'and Co. have a banking Debtor: "Yes, with the Hongkong, the

Chartered and Mercantile. Letterly we dealt mostly with the Mercantile Bank because we got facilities in the way of an overdraft."

A BORNEO TIMBER CONCESSION THAT .

He was interested in a timber concession in Bornen in 1902 with, Mr. David and Mr. L. Anderson. They were three partners, He put into the concern no capital, but he had a share, because David and he had the concession. Mr. Divid got the concession and gave him a half share because witness had rendered him services: David had a good title from the Dutch Government as far as he knew then but now it was cancelled. Mr. Anderson put the money in Stc.500, and put \$3,000 mere in afterwards. They had three equal shares in the concession. The husiness went on two or three years and they paid three years' rent to the "Sultan at 100 guilders t month. They never [made at y profit. The concession was lost because they did not pay any rent,--- He found it was impossible to make money out of it, so he stopped it. He had one liability—they took in a Chinaman, and they thought he was a partner. The Judge decided he was not. He was sued and debter had to pay \$6,000. He had paid all but \$1,600 of it. This venture began in August 1902. Debtor also had to phy \$1,254 for land he refted in Singapore "to store timber." He trok a lease for five years and got it cancelled. There was now no other liability on the concession! Dav d owed him \$10,000-his share of the loss in the venture. . Witness had paid all the liabilities. There were \$30,000 spent. Anderson put \$13,000 and witness paid everything else.

WHAT CAUSED IT. "What do you consider the cause of your

nsolvency ?." Witness: "We sold shares, firms di people could not take them up and they had to be resold at a loss. Mr.

"Shares, shares, -nothing else!" said witness, were the cause of his bankruptcy. "I looked

after coal and produce," added debtor. Is your life insure 17" asked Mr. Badeley. "Yes" was the answer. "For £2,000. The

policy is in my children's name." Witness said he had had a loan on the policy for \$4,000. The Official Assigner: " If it is in your children's name how did you get the loan?"

Debtor: "I can't tell you that, but'l got it." He had a judement on a promissory note against David for \$3,000 about a year ago. He got nothing. David was at Pontianak. Witness had signed a promissory note with Anarsalam Demis coolog sapilasacti erada ravo, titedo. 817

some years ago, in 1903. He had paid \$0,000 of this off-the last payment being in Sept. 19 7 The Official Assignee: "I take it your failure was due to your December selllement?."

lebtor: "Yes." The November settlement was not in their favour. They lost \$1,50 in Faubs. The sum total of settlements to November was in their favour.

Were you solvent at the end of November.? " was the next question.

"Yer" debtor replied." "I thought I was solvent, and expected to be in December if people paid stright,"

Yap Yow Teck was witness! largest debtor in shares-\$15,000. There, were cases where they had delivered shares and people did not pay. Tan Hood Guan, \$2,730. As far as he knew acrip was delivered and he did not pay. They were usually paid the same day. They did a large forward contract business to December and also in the present year. They had sold forward shares they had not bought.

P You acted both as brokers and jobbers, the Official Assignee queried.

"Yes," said Latham, ", we did. We ought

not to have done, but we did." I'e put on the contracts "Account Principal." His lordship: "And this meant there was a

person behind you for whom you bought

" But," went on the Official Assignee, "in a good many cases you did this when there was nobody behind you. Don't you think people sumed there was f

Latham: "I'l don't know what they assumed. They certainly never asked."

On Dec. 13, he owed the Mercantile Bank \$11,500, on an overdraft. On the 30th they, paid in a cheque for \$10,000 and the 'manager would not let him take out \$11,500. Mr. Hogg told him "a" the bank was going to keep this \$11,500, and the manager, asked by witness, why, (as he had before promised to let him pay out cheques as much as he put in) said " circomstances had changed." Witness saw the manager, when he did, not make up his mind. Next day, however, he said he had made up his mind to stick to the money. Between Dec. 30 and Jan. 3 the whole of the overdraft had been wiped out. Up to the 30th he was fully under the impression that the overdraft would remain there. The Mercantile Bank once refused to honour a cheque he drew on them-on the 3rd, he thought. This was for \$2,771, in favour of E. Soloman,. The cheque of \$20,000; paid into the Mercantile Bank, was paid to him by Mr. MacMillan. There was also owing from the same source \$19,000. The cheque never came to the office, Mr. Hogg he thought paid, it to Mr. Manasseh, direct. On Dec. 24, he paid \$2,700 to Manasseh, and on the 31st, still owed \$19.7 t. . If this cheque for \$19,000 was paid him on the 2nd he was paid in full. Had the cheque come to the office he would have stopped it. It was not given by his instructions. The \$2-,000 from Mr. Macr Millan was a payment on account. They had bought and sold for him.

'The Official Assignee asked no more questions, and Mr. Hairis asked for a postponement in order to get the authority to, appear

previously referred to. . On behalf of a creditor Mr. Baddeley asked if 300 Serendaha were bought from Mr. Schultzer of the German birk . He did not know shares had not been paid for-there was no

The examination was adjourned.

Goods received on Storage.

Untimations.

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRADE MARK.

OTICE is hereby given that Mr. UN CHAK WING, trading as the SEU LOONG firm at No. 396, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, has, on the 17th day of December, 1907, applied the Registration, in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks; of the following Trade Mark

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by the Applicant in respect of the following goods, in the following class, viz. :-CLASS 42, IN RESPECT OF CHINA SOY A facsimile of such Trade Mark can be seen

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "BORNEO,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Goods are landed. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazard

consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,

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Damaged Packages must be left in the date they cannot be recognised. Godowns for examination by the Consigner's and the Company's representative at an ap- have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining pointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days to rent. of the steamer's arrival here after, which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the Goods examined on the 10th lust, at 3 P.M.

have left the Godowas, Williams The Telephone R. A. HEWETT Superintende: t Houghong, and March, 1908

Consignees.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

HE H. A. L. Steamship

Captain Müller, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their

Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside. Optional Cargowill be forwarded upless notice the contrary be given before TO-DAY." Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be

landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. All Claims must be presented within ten

date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th prox, will be subject

days of the steamer's arrival here after which

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left, in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th prox., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. "HAMBURG:AMERIKA"LINIE Hongkong Office, Hongkong, 29th February, 1908.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. STEAMSHIP "PATHAN," FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves

delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods, have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th proxime will subject to rent. .

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st proxime, or they will not be recognized. 'All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th proximo, at 10 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,

Hongkong, 29th February, 1908. "BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. STEAMSHIP "SIKH "

FROM NEW-YORK AND STRAITS. CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Com-

pany, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th instant will be subject

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 3 st instant, or they will not be recognised. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are 152 to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 9th instant, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ...

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, . Honokone and March rock

. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"BELGRAVIA," Consignees of Cargo by the above-named Captain Bildebrandt, having arrived. Convessel are hereby informed that their Goods are signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send being landed and placed at their risk in the in their Bills of Lading for countersignature Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown by the Undersigned and to take immediate Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each delivery of their goods from alongside. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

and delivery can be obtained as soon as the notice to the contrary be given before TO-Any Cargo impeding her discharge, will be

Goods not cleared by the 7th instant, at Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

> days of the steamer's arrival here after which No Claims will be admitted after the Goods undelivered after the 11th inst., will be subject

'All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE Hongkong Office : Hongkong, 4th March, 1908,

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"."PALMA."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS. Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are bereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed of their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo :-From Persian Gulf, \*x B.I.S.N. and B. &

P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before

4 P.M., will be subject to rent. ... No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Goods not, cleared by the 6th Murch, at

Damaged Packages 'must' be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which; date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. . E. A. HEWETT,

Hongkong, 29th February, 1008 S.S. "POLYNESIEN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

ONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex . s.s. Medoc, Cordonan and Dordogne and from Bordeaux ex s.s. Ville d'Arras and Ville de Dunkerque, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained

immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONUAY, the oth March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges."

MONDAY, the 9th March, or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 9th March, at 3 P.M.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before

J. Millet, 🤄 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1008

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. imperial german mail line.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE Steamship : 📲

"PRINZ LUDWIG." having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong-

kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before

TUESDAY, the 3rd of March, at Noon. "No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th of March, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th of March, at 9 30 A.M. All Claims must reach us before the 14th of March, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected, Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

Undersigned. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"MARMORA,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as

the Goods are landed. This vessel brings on Cargo: From London, &c., ex S.S. Moldavia. From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. &.

P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before

Goods not cleared by the 11th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever, 💥. Damaged Packages must be left in the

Godowns for examination by the Consigner's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten-

days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent

Houghoug, 5th March, 1908.

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#### MARRIAGE.

On February 29, 1908, et Shanghai. JOHN ALEXANDER ROSS, Chartered Bank of India. Australia, and China, to ELLA WATSON, youngest daughter of the lare Rev. John Whyte, Moyness, Nairnshire, and of Mrs. Whyte, Hermonhill, Dundee, Scotland. DEATHS.

On Saturday, February 29, 1908, at Tie tein the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. MELCHERS, aged one year and a half. On March 1 1908, at hanghai, GRACE ADELAIDE HILL aged nine years and eight

On March 1, 1908, at Shanghai, JOHN COUCH QUICK of Hall & Holtz Ld. Shanghai, aged 50 years.

# The Pongkong Celegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1908.

THE AMENDED COMPANY LAW.

The recent Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council of Hongkong, at the initiation of influential representatives of British firms and Corporations in Shanghai, to amend the Companies Ordinance in respect to "Local Registers," appears to have been received with satisfaction at the Northern Port, if the commendation accorded to the amended law by the based. senior paper there is a criterion of public feeling in the matter. The N. G. D. News notes the passing of the new law in a leading article, and says: -"Registered under the Hongkong for Shanghal. H.E. fir Frederick Lugard. Ordinances" is a sufficiently famillar title in: local basiness to justify detailed reference to the amendments recently brought into force in

Hoerkoag to the Companies Ordinance, 1865,

sence of any machinery for the registration of companies with limited liability the practice adopted in the early days of Shanghai was for undertakings of this nature to carry on business under the provisions of Deeds of Settlement. Gradually, however, advantage was taken of the Ordinance passed ed by the Hongkong Government in 1865 coabling companies to be registered as Limited Liability Companies in that Colony, and within the last fifteen years the transference from amenability to Deeds of Settlement to the jurisdiction of Hongkong has been rendered complete. Accordingly, companies carrying on their business entirely outside Hongkong and having no property of any kind in the Colony, as well as companies whose whole business is comply with Japa is requestion carried out within the Colony, are liable to the 1865 Ordinance and Amending Ordinances, which have hitherto made no distinction between the two classes. Under the provisions of these Ordinances each company must have its registered office within the Colony and must keep at that office its register of shareholders. The latter clause has been more honoured in the breach than in the observance but the appointment of a new Registrar at

Hongkong brought with it an attempt not only to insist upon the strict letter of the law, but also | following will represent the Club :- R; { Han! | Sang firm; "The man gave his name as Leuny to add to the Colony's revenue by levying duties on all transfers and by claiming probate duty on shares even when the whole estate of the deceased shareholder was entirely unconnected | Brewer. with Hongkong. It will be remembered that on February 7 of last year an influential meeting of representatives of British Companies in Shanghai was held to consider the proposals of the Hongkong Government, and it legitimate to conclude that the representations that were the outcome of the action then taken led to the final settlement of the whole question, as embodied in the new Law known as the Companies (Local Registers) Ordinance, 1907, the full text of which appears on another page. The number of the companies registered

under the Hongkong Ordinances but having their head office away from Hongkong has now attained formidable proportions, while their capital must aggregate over Tls. 32,000,000. It is belitting, therefore, that due consideration should be shown to such interests, and we may welcome the appearance of new Ordinance devoted exclusively to these companies. In general it follows the lines of the Companies (Colonial Registers) Act '1883. The Governor-in-Council is empowered to relieve a company from the necessity of keeping its register at the registered office in Hongkong, which has to be supplied only of the Third Battalion "The Duke of Cam-

with a copy of every entry in its register or registers "as soon as conveniently may be [33] after such entry is made." In return for the protection of British Law, however, an annual fee at the rate of four cents for every hundred The HONGKONG TELEGICAPIT" should be dollars of its paid up capital will be levied from each company. All: transfers not shares not executed within the Colory of Hongkong are. to be exempt from stamp duty; while the share or other interestsuf a deceased member registered in a local (away from Hongkong) register will not be liable to probate duty in the Colony. It will thus be seen that a satisfactory compromise has been effected; companies no domiciled in Hongkong, but enjoying in some measure the protection of its law, make an annual contribution in the form of a licence fee to the revenue of the Colonial Government and are freed from vexitious exactions , which

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

meeting of twelve months ago.

would press unduly upon corporations and in-

dividuals. The representatives of British firms

in Shanghai may be congratulated upon the

ready way in which the Hungkong authorities

have met their wishes, and at the same time

it will not be forgo ten that they are indebted

to the Committee of the China Association for

THE French mail of the 4th February was delivered in London on the 5th insta-

THE authorities in Tokio have, published, a denial of the report that, in order to meet a financial panic in lap n. they are endeavouring to raise Japanese bonds in London and New.

A natch of ten deportees was landed in the Colony this morning from Sincapore. They were taken charge of by the police on landing and, as usual, returned to their homes in the

COMMANDER Sims, nevel aide de-camp to President Roosevelt, admits that he gave to, Me-Clure's Magazine the information ha which the article attacking the United. States Navy was

SHOR LY after 3 o'clock to-day Lady Lugard arrived at Black Pier from Government House, to embark on board the P. & O. s.s. Marmora accompanied by Capt in Taylor, A.D.C. saw. Her Ladyship to the mail stermer. The party boarded the lau-ch; Victoria for the Morniora. Lady Lugard proceeds to the North for a short change, having been suffering from slight inwhich has hitherto formed the basis of come disposition recently. The Marmore left for meny registration in the Par Rast, In the ab- | Changbal at C p.m. to-day.

H.E. Wu Ting-laug, the new Chinese Minister to Washington, has arrived in San Francisco. He is reported to be the bearer of a pleat from China for the preservation of her sovereignty. in Manchuria.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. Ld. announces that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week endings February 22, 1908, amounted to 631.92 tonse and the sales during the period to 15,139 35 nons.

INTELLIGENCE from Peking states that, with regard to the arrest of the Japanese steamer. Talsu Maru, the Japanese Minister has written. to the Waiwupu, threatening that a great responsibility will fall upon the shoulders of the Chinese Gov-roment, if the latter does not

IT is reported that the Downger Empress o China intends to retire immediately, giving the the Emperor full political power, and appointing Grand Councillors Chang Chih-tung, Yuan Shih-kai and Sun Chia-ting advisers to the Throne. In case the advisers fail to decide any question, the Dowager Empress will decide it-

TO-MORROW akernoon commencing fat 1.45 cock, H. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, W. C. P. Turner, H. R. Makin, A. A. Claxton, A. W. Peake, E. H. Hinds, F. H. H. Stevens, A. Mackenzie, and P. Jacks. Reserve :-- W. F

THE Novoe bremya of St. Petersburg declares -that-the-vigour-with-which-the-fortification-o the Philippine Islands is being pushed for ward indicates a determination on the part of the United States to support the open door policy in Manchuria. A semi-official statement from Berlin denies that secret proposals have been received from the United States on the subject of Manchuria.

CHEUNG TAK; a sh' p coolie, who, until the 4th instant, was employed by the Paris Toilet Company, of 13, Queen's Road Central, was arrested yesterday in Beaconsfield Arcade on a charge of theft. It was stated that between the :6th ulto, and 3rd instant two bottles of perfume and three towels went amissing from the store. On the 4th Cheung did not tern up for duty and suspicion fell on him. When he was apprehended one of the missing towels was found in his room. He was also charged with absenting himself from his work without permission. At the Police Court, he was sen tenced to six weeks hard labour and four

By kind permission of Major E. W. R. Stephenson and Officers Commanding, the Band bridge's Own " (Middlesex Regiment) will play | personally on such person or left for him at his the following programme of music, during din ner, at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow, the

7th inst.:—	
March Under the Double Eagle "	
Valse La Gliana	Bucalous
Selection Gondoliers "	:Sulliva
Song The Flight of Ages "	Berat
Overture Eliza-e-Claudio,"	.Mercadant
Minuel	Boccherin
Selection	Ruben
Galop "Gleine Carriere"	
Regimental Marches,	7
Cod Blass the Drings of Water	

God Save the King. .

LIMEHOUSE Causeway was astir at midnight on Saturday last (Feb. 1) when the Chinaman began his New Year celebration. Limehouse Causeway is a narrow street in doc' land, in the neighbourhood of Ratcliffe, An incessent obtained, . fusilade of crackers was the first intimation the visitors had that they were in Chinatown; A knocking at the door, of one of the shops, closely shuttered and barred, gained the party, it My Slade. Surely you ought to know that with their Chinese guide, admittance, after the there is no register of firms in the Colony. withdrawing of numerous bolts. The shop entered was so small that it was quite filled. It a corner was a ins. Two candles and a altar. On the floor before the light were offerings of fruit, while at the back were having prepared the ground for the influential | New Year's Eve in Chinatow i is a "free" the greatest interest attached to what is now commonly known as the opium den. The shop. in common with the other shops of the Causeway, contained a typical example of the real would be in a position to meet it. opium house as it is found in Chinatown, in the East End of London.

> and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge funds of the Hospitals:-

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#### FLORIDA WATER TRADE MARKS.

ALLEGED FORGERY OF LABELS.

JI SIR HENRY BERKELBY'4 OBJECTIONS.

The first of a series of trade-marks prosects tions which are likely to follow, shortly was downed at the Magistracy, this afternoon, before the first police magistrate Mil H. H. L. Comported The complainant in the action was Mr. A. W. Lumperski, of Messrs, Melchers and Company, and the defendant, the proprietors of the Kwong Sang firm, of 246; Des Voux Road Central. They were accused of selling

Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. H. V. Deacon, of Measts, Deacon, Looker and Deacon, appeared for the prosecution. Sir Henry Berkeley, K C., instructed by Mr. H. K. Holmes, represented the defendant firm.

and keeping for sale boules of perfume which

bore false labels.

When the case was called the defendants did not appear. This fact was brought to the attention of Sir Henry Berkeley, who said "Call the case and prove service of summons and I will have an objection to make."

Detective Sergeant' Watt stepped into the witness-box and spoke to serving the summon the Hongkong Cricket Club, will: played march loo the master of the defendant firm, at 246, against the and Cameron Highlanders. . They Des Votor Road-the godown of the Kwong Lum, and said he was the master.

> Mr. Slave -As there is no appearance of the defendant I ask for a warrant for his arrest. Sir Henry—I take objection to the point— His Worship-You appear for the defendant

Sir Henry-Yes, under protest. His Worship Under protest?

Mr. Slade-No man can appear in Cou without stating for whom he is appearing. Sir Henry-Yes, I can. I can show authori

His Worship-1 would like to see them. Mr. Slade-I object.

bir Henry Berkeley said that the summons was invalid, and could not be directed to any person. There was no name mentioned on the summons-only the words "masters of the Kwong Sang."

Mr. Slade-Unless my friend states for whom he is appearing your Worship cannot

Sir Henry-I appear for the masters of the Kwong Sang firm, to make an objection.

His Worship-You say you are appearing

for the masters of the defendant firm, he said, was that the summons was invalid because it was addressed to no person by name. but merely to the "masters." The Court had no jurisdiction to hear a complaint on a summons thus directed, inasmuch as the Magistrate's Ordinance, 3 of 1890, Section 10, Subsections I and 2, required that a "summons should be directed to the person; against whom the complaint was made, and should be served fast known place of abode; and inasmuch as there was no provision in the Merchandise Marks Ordinance under which this specific colfiplaint was made it autho ites a departure from the requirements of the Makistrate's Ordinance already mentioned. It was not enough, he pursued, to address a summons to a person by title, 'or to the owner of premises, orwas not enough. For instance, if a complaint was made against one John Brown, a publican, the summons could not be addressed to "the master of a public house." In some offences, he admitted, it could be done. The Coult had no jurisdiction to. entertain such a summons.

The e was no difficulty to get the name of the master of the shop. It could always be Mr. Slade There is a difficulty; we cannot

get the name. of! Sin Henry-Those is the register " ..."

ir Henry directed Mr. ! lade to the Registrar-General's Office There he would find the Kwong Sang firm registered It was not for Suk!"-which means "good uncle," was found small rushlight Burned in front of a miniature | the defence to assist them to find out the at about his past six o'clock this morning name of the master of the Kwong Sang firm; hanging to the end of a piece of cord in his His objection was a technical and legal one. | cubicle at. 18, Square Street, Central district. Chinese characters on a scarlet background. A summons could not be issued to, say, the When assistance was called and the body proprietor of the "Green Man Fotel," unless | examined it was found that the coolie had died night. Nothing must be paid for. Possibly, the particular ordinance under which proceed. of strangulation and that death had intervened ings were taken justified it. He isked the several hours before the body was discovered. . Court to dismiss the summons. It could then be served again in proper form and then he house each misning at five o'clock for work.

sommons was proper. A summons, he said as the cooling was too the best of cruld be sayed on a man personally or be left at. I spirits during the week. She went immediately his last known place of residence. A name was to investigate, and the scream that she uttered THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial, not the only means of describing a person. Latter entering his cubicle was enough to bring The Chinese have many names, in fact nearly I the other boarders in a couple of seconds. with thanks the following donations to the every Chineman had three names, and be When the cubicle was entered the body was thought a description equally good. If there, found hanging to a girdle, or waist-band which was any substance in the objection raised by had been loop deverastrong nail in the wall and his fearned f lend definite authorities would knotted securely beneath deceased's chin. Tho decided. It was misleading to quote words of drives the nail securely into the wall, and, after his mind.

His Worship-Can I issue a warrant now? . . bed./ . Mr. Slade-Yes, we have already got the name from the police.

His Worship -When the application for mortgary for burial, the summons was made I pointed, out to the solicitors the absence of any names.

come up it would have been all right, but if he did not, as in many other cases, the police weresent down to get the necessary particulars. Mr. Slade-I would ask for the apmons to love. True love, as It the saying fire

been taken would be to get an injunction. These prosecutions were not the proper thing. Mr. Slade said it was a most fragrant case-

a most shameful case of fraud. Sir Henry Berkeley pointed out that many firms in the Colony sold this scent, 'His Worship-I am of opinion that the sum-

wanted, the said, was for the summons to be dismissed. They have thousands of cases of this water in stock and in order to save the cases from being d maged while being, removed to the Police Court they have given an undertaking and a deposit of \$1,000 rather than have the goods removed from their shop to the Court. Mr. Slade said the scheme was to get the summous dismissed and then to get rid of the stuff. 🐪

This statement he later contradicted when he was told by Detective Sergeant Watt that' in officer was watching the premises.

After further discussion, Sir Henry Berkeley said he would not press the objection, and a ew seconds waived the objection altogether.

Henry assisted matters by giving the names of

Mr. Slade - We will have the other - Leung Lum—the man ob whom the summons was

hir Henry-You will have no other. Mr. Slade then outlined the particulars of the case. He said that the complainants were lagents for Lanman and Kemp, manufacturers of the Florida water, and proceeded at some years backowing to the presence of other kinds. theirs. Eventually they were registered and this case was brought. The trade-mark of Lanman and Kemp's water was of a floral design with ground and in the course the words "Florida Water." There was also a black and white labe round the neck of the bottle. The words

His Worship asked if there was any objection as when he was acting as: Attorney-General he | and , landed here, within 24 hours, as large had seen some of the correspondence.

"Florida Water," were the essential p rilon of

the mark, ...

Mr. Slade-No. In Nove ber last, he went on, the complainant became aware that, the defendant firm was selling a scent in botiles very like their own and calling it "Floridawater," His client wrote to them about the matter and the defendants had the audacity to reply Sir Henry-Under protest. His objection, that they had a right to sell the stuff. 'At that time, Mr. Slade explained, Lanman and Kemplatrademark had not been registered in the Colony and nothing could be done. But as soon as it was there proceedings were taken-

His Worship-Am I to deal with the matte summarily? Mr. Slade-Yes.

Sir Hinry (to the Court)-In order to save you from a pitfall you will have to consult me-100. The first of the Victor of the Ward His Worship-Yes. 19 1000 person 32 32 11

Sir Henry-You must give me warning. Mr. Slade (to Sir Henry) -- Do you want case to co before a jury?—Yes.

Florida water, Mr. Slade proceeded, is a geographical description. The manufacturers had been using this mark prior to 1876, and the defendant's mark was in shape and style to the "masters " of the Kwong Sang firm. Is the same, only that in their mark certain figures were deleted; and when the bottles were placed fide by side the difference was obvious, but, nevertheless, it was a direct infringement of the complainant's mark.

> The case was still proceeding when our re resentative left.

A LOVE TRACEDY.

"QUARREL" WITH "PLANCE TERMINATES" IN COOLIE'S SUICIDE.

A street coolid who is only known by his friends in the Colony by his nickname-" Pu It was customary for Pu Suk to leave the This morning! he was not seen about and Mr. Slade maintained that the service of the this caused the landlidy some anxiety.

judge on a point which he did not have in I attaching the cord, kicked the support from under him. His toes were just touching the

> The police at headquarters were informed, and the body was cut down and removed to the A quarrel with his flance is stated to have

les Sie Henry-The solicitor took his own-risks. | month and a balf, ago that Pu Suk arrived in About two wreks ago Pu met a young and twen to the officers by the woman, who and to make a long story short the

WUCHOW NOTES

RICE EXPORT PROHIBITION.

Wachow, 4th March, 1908.

The rice crop, which was an unusually good one in this district, had been harvested and the farmers having a big surplus petitioned the Mr. Slade thought so also. What the defence; Wuchow Taotai for permission to export their | Mocks to Canton, Fatshan, etc. The ban of prohibition,"of the export of rice, had been imposed for some months, and the farmers finding themselves with big stocks on hand, but asked the officials to remove the prohibition so that they could realize some money from the output of their fields. The Taotal was very loth to grant the necessary permission, with the result that the farmers got impatient, loaded up some hundred junks with rice in bulk, and auchored the whole flittill in the , shipping fairway outside the Customs pontoon. The fleet of rice junks soon became a nuisance and a menace to the remainder of the shipping, and to relieve this, the Tao at granted permi slon for the boats already foaded to be The summons was then amended, and Sit passed thr ugh the Customs, One of the gentry, a man named Chow, telegraphed to the masters of the defendant firm. They were: Chang Ning Chi, the Governor of the province Lenng Chak Chau, Fun Fook Tim, and Lam at Kwei-Lin, asking that the prohibition be enforced in case of a famine and urging upon the Governor the necessity of keeping a quantity of grain in the province for granary purposes." The Governor accountermanded the Tantain bahnet. permission, and the boats with their cargoes with their were again detained. The farmers and junkmen getting wind of the action of Mr. Chow. proceeded to the man's house, in the City, where a demonstration of objection was made, length to narrate the difficulties encountered Things looked ugly for a spell and there was by them to have their label registered some a grave danger of a riot ensuing, but wiser counsels prevailed and the junkmen returned

The farmers next proceeded to lay before the gentry the han ships they would have to endura if they were refused the right of men and women, birds and flowers in the back- marketing their produce, alleging that if the officials refuse to allow them to export their crops that the officials should purchase their yield of grain at current rates and relieve them of financial difficulty. It was also laid before. the gentry that, in the event of a famine, rice? in could be imported from Hongkong ex steamers stocks of Saigon rice were obtainable at Hongkong at any time. The gentry considered theat matter and eventually represented matters to the Governor, who in turn gave permission for five million catties to be exported. This has been done and the fleet of junks sailed to their. respective destinations yesterday.

The Kromiges Daily News, a local publication, published in its issue of the 2nd inst., that, negotiations were proceeding between the proposed Chinese Steamship Co. and the Work Shun Steamship Co. for the purchase by the former of the latter's fleet of 3. West River steamers. The figure given, as the amount of [4] purchase money, is \$160,000. It is further said that in the event of the above deal falling has through that; the new Steamship Company will mostly 195) endravour to charge the Wo Shun Company's V. beats, with which torinaugurate their service the on the West River.

Local opinion is distinctly to simistic as it is regards the realization of either scheme.

Messrs. Banker & Co. are in course of building locally the hulf of a new motor-boat for the increase of their Wuchow-Nanning trade. The hull will be of 3" Chinese' pine with a Gardner motor engine, capable of driving the new vessel at an average speed of to knots per hour. This increase of tonnage on the Nanning run will be most welcome, the present fegular, service by the "Tien Kong," being inadequate to the demands of this trade.

NANNING CUSTOMS CHANGES

Mr. E. Von Stranch, Commissioner of Castoms, Nanning, goes home on furlough for all year from the 1st April. Mr. T. D. Moorhead; Saidan to Deputy Commissioner at Canton, has beenforterbrad appointed Acting Commissioner of Customs, Nanning, to relieve Mr. Von Stranch.

STHANGE STORY FROM.

REPORT OF AN ARMED ROBBERY

What is believed to be one of the most; daring robberies that have occured in the eastera district for some time past-if; the report be true-was that which was reported to have occurred in the busy little village of Tai Hang, near Causeway, Boy, early this morning, and the control of the con

Two men, the Wanchai police were, informated add ed, gained admittance to the first floor of Nous A to, George Street, at about balf-past one o'clock, this marning, by climbing up a pole outside. the building, smashing one of the window. panes, and forcing book the bolt. In this house lives a woman with her two children.

The robbe s, one of whom was armed; with a chopper, so the woman said, seized hold have been quoted, instead of the words of a man, who was fully dressed, had evidently stood of her, and, threatening her to keep slight, learned judge in a case which he had not upon an ear henware pillow on top of his bed, they ordered her to produce her valuables, and She handed them \$40 in cash, a bangle which she wore on her arm, her child's bracelet, and some other property, which was valued at \$324. Then the robbers left by the same way they came, and disappeared in the darkness.

When the police were notified of the affair Inspector Courley and a few detectives search? ed the house. They found that a quantity of driven the min to suicide. It was about a fewellery still remained in the house, in th quiries were made of the residents on the His Worship continuing) said that he gave the Colony, He had very little money and ground floor, and they stated that they did pot instructions to get the name. If the man had engaged a cubicle at the Square Struct bould hear any unusual hoise being made during the Some days later he secured employment the ht. A description of the robbers was then Certain she can dent ty the men again. The mobiles have their double as to the trail butted

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#### Telegrams.

Reuter's.

Russia and Austria.

London, 4th March. A Russian Note to the Powers approves of the proposed new Austrian and othe railway schemes, as calculated to promote the welfare of the Balkan peoples.

In compliance with a request, Servia has instructed the Ambassador to Constantinople to support the project of a railway from the Danube to the Adriatic.

The Tercentenary of the Foundation of Quebec.

The Prince of Wales will go to Quebec in July to represent the King at the Tercentenary of the foundation of Quebec.

The Atlantic fleet will accompany the Prince, and it is hoped that a French and subscriptions? an American fleet will also attend.

#### The French in Morocco.

France has sent a Note to the Powers, an nouncing the despatch of re-inforcements to Casablanca, and explaining that it is not in tended to modify the strictly temporary character of the operations.

The Danube Adriatic Railway. Signor Titoni, the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, in reply to the Russian Note, fully concurs, and has telegraphed to the-Italian Ambassador at Constanticople to strongly support the Adriatic railway scheme. ...

The Austrian Ambassador to Rome has declared that Austria does not object to this.

SHANGHAI NANKING RAILWAY.

On February 29, 1928; the Chinkiang tunne was opened for the passage of trains.

OPENING OF THE CHINKIANG TUNNEL.

This tunnel, which is just over a quarter of a mile long, was begun on September 1, 1905, when the foundation stone was laid by H. E. Ouck Tanchi, Tantai of Chinking. It has, therefore, taken two years and, five months to build. It is built partly through the lee ass formation, but through sandstone for the greater portion. The faces of the tunnel are built of to Sunkai on the 28th day of the 1st noon. concrete, while the interior is all lined with

brickwork laid in cement It is satisfactory to note that, during the whole progress of the work, there had not been a single workman killed inside the tunnel. This immunity from fatal accident speaks well an investigation of the sand there, which is of the care taken of the Chinese workmen, who were entirely new to this class of work and to cement.

what was required of them. Beyond Chinking to Nanking, a distance of forty-four miles, the earthworks and bridges are already finished. Rails are laid to within four miles of Nanking and it is hoved that the line will be open to traffic early in April. The journey from Shanghai to Nankin should ther occupy only seven hours and a half .- N. C. D.

THE CONTRABAND NEIZURES IN

On the 3rd Feb. in the House of Commons, Mr. Fike Pease asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs if there were any outstanding cases with regard to compensation for damage or loss incurred by British ships during the Russo-Japanese war. \*

Mr. Runciman: My right hon, friend regret to state that most of these cases are still outstanding. Though His Majesty's Government have repeatedly called attention to the case of the Knight Communder, and pressed for a reply to their proposal that the matter should be referred to arbitration, no answer has, down to the present-time, been received from the Russian Government. His Majesty's Gavernment are also awaiting replies to communications they have addressed to the Imperial Government in regard to the case of the Calchus, and the claims arising in connection with the detention of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Malacca in the Red : ea. The cases of the Hipsang, St. Kilda, Ikhani, and Oldhamia are still pending, in various stages, before the Russian Trize Courts.

Mr. Belloc: Do I understand our Covernment is pressing for compensation or dimages in the case of the Malacai?

Mr. Runciman': What 'our Government has done is to put firward the claims which have been made in respect of the detention of the Malacon in the Ped Sen.

AHIPIING DISASTRE.

"CHINGPING" STRANDER

The N. C. D. News of 3rd inst. says :- The C. E. & M. S. Chingping, which left here for Chinwangtao on the morning of the 26th ultimo, with one passenger and general cargo. went ashore about midnight on the 27th idem on the rocks at West Point, Shihtau Bay, near the South-east Shantung Promontory. Very little information has as yel reached Shanghai, as the nearest postal agency and telegraphic office are at Weihalwei-somes aty miles away from the scene of the wreck -but It is reported that the bow of the Chingping is up on the tocks, the foremast je broken, and the steamer is a float from the bridge aft. The passenger and the mails, for Tientain, Paking, etc. were safely landed The ate BRibala Mara has left Chefon to render assictat ce and at 0.30 p.m. on Sunday, the Shanehar

Tog and Lighter Co.'s tander Victoria left

Shanghai for Shih- au Bay, fully equipped with

Live at the scene of the wrock this morning.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

THE LIANG KWANG CHINESE 8 S. CO.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Cauton, 4th March, 1908. As the outcome of the West River patrol as in ion, the Canton Self-Government League was formed and this League has completed the preliminaries for the formation of a shipping company with a capital of \$1 -, coo, oco in shares of \$5.00 each to place ste mers on the different lines in competition with foreign shipping c mpanies. Meetings have been held on say eral occasions at the headquarters for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the formation of this concern. Prospectuses have been issued to solicit subscriptions to shares and the Chinese residents in foreign countries have also been requested to take up shares. The Company is to be styled the Liang Kwang Chinese Mercantile Steamship Company, Limited, and the office has to-day been opened for the collection of shares and

TELEGRAPH ADMINISTRATION,

Taotai Wen Tsung-yao yesterday took over charge of the official department of imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration (Canton branch) vice Taotai I iang an fun, who is transferred to Swatow as foreign deputy."

At 7.40 p.m. on the 3rd instant, the Chinese junk Hop Lee in tow of the s.s. Po Hop collided with the s.s. Sae Yup clusing two large holes in the latter steamer's side near the deck and slightly damaging the junk.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO MANUFACTURERS. The native manufactured products of the two provinces of Kwangtung and Honan were the best and obtained the highest honours among the goods that were sent up to the Capital for the Metropolitan Exhibition from the various provinces throughout the Empire. The Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce at Peking have now presented rewards in the shape of scrolls to the manufacturers of the two provinces through the Provincial Authorities and at the same time requested them to encourage the different manufacturers to attain a still better standard and improvement in manfacturing the goods.

RAILWAY. The president of the Canton-Hinkow Railway Company, Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, has forwarded a despatch to H.E. the Viceroy informing him of the opening of the two recently completed sections of the Canton-Hankow rail way from Kongtsun to Kwoktong and thence

CEMENT WORKS. Yesterday, Taotai Lau Sui-lun, director o the Canton Government Cement Works, at Honam, accompanied by a cement manufacturing expert, proceeded to Whampoa to make said to be suitable for the manufacture of

FOR PUBLIC SAFRTY.

In anticipation of the danger to passengers carried, by the ferry boats across the river between the city of Canton and the suburb of Honam, the Police Department propose to place three pontoons along the frontage of the river on each side as d three steam-launches are engaged to carry passengers.

ARMS FOR LIMCHOW.

5th March.

Yesterday, another quantity of arms an ainmunition was despatched to the prefecture of Limchow under the charge of military officer CANTON KOWLOON RAILWAY.

It is reported that the Canton-Kowloon Railway (\_hinese section) will have a double trace, but it is not yet ascertained whether the funds reguired for the purpose will be raised by the Chinese Government or by I an from the

The local officials of the district of Namhoi have reported to the fanton high authorities that a clan fight is now taking place in Sai Chiu among the people of the claus surnamed Kn, Cheung and Chan. A weigin has been

sent to restore order. A number of big cargo junks has been engaged to proceed to. Wuhu to import into Canton a quantity of rice, so it is hoped that, whenthese shipments of rice arrive, the price of the commodity will be lowered to an appreciable

TRADE BUREAU. An office for the Canton New Trade Centre-Bureau was opened yesterday in Chah Fun Street inside the city, and the opening ceremony was performed by the Pr vincial Treasurer, many officials of the city he pg present.

WE are requested to state that, by kind per- cannot but conclude that the amount of fees mission of the German Admiral, the Band of claimed, which has been fixed by the Hongthe Flagship, Fürst Bismerck, will give a cons kong Supr me Court according to English law," cert, at the City Hall, on Saturday, the 14th its justified. It is also evident from Exhibit inst. The preceeds of the concert will be No. 1A (appellants statement of account) that devoted to the funds of the "Home for the he amount of fees claimed is proper. The Blind," at Kowloon, conducted by the Hilde- respondent is therefore, bound to pay to the sheim Mission. Considering the worthy object | appel ants the whole of the amount claimed. for which the concert is held it should be The expert evidence of Mr. Byles and other largely patronised.

### SHIPPING AND MAILS

MASTLE DITE. Indian (Fooksang) oth inst. American (Hongkong Maru) 10th inst. . German (Princess Alice) 13th inst; a.m. Indian (Kumsang) 13th inst. . .

The E & A. Co.'s s.s. Empire left Sydney for this part on 4th inst., vla.Queensland Ports and Manile. The Imperial German Mail s s. Manila left

Manila yesterday, at noon, and may be expected here on Bih inst. a;m. Line, left Shanghas for this port on 5th last. The N. Y. K. s.a. Nieko Mary, Australian

CLAIM FOR PROPESSIONAL SH VICES.

JAPANESE AND FOREIGN COURTS. Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist's Successfu

is dealt with as regards the extent to which at Coast, was also re-commissioned on the 4th Japanese Court may enforce the decision of a linet. She remains on the China Station. Mr. Clifford Wilkinson refused to pay on the bound, ground that the bill was excessive. Action a suit in the Kobe Chiho Saib maho for recovery I the Bouth. of their account. The Kobe Court rejected the claim, but it being canied to Osaka, the Appeal Court there gave judgment reversing the decision in Kobe and ordered Mr. Chifford Wilkinson to pay the full sum claimed with costs.

In giving its reasons for the decision the Court points out that it is well understood the-Japanese Courts should respect the decisions attend. given in the Court's of the Treaty Powers, but the effect of the sovereign rights of each country is confined to the limits of its territory. For this reason, the decision of a foreign law Court . a not be regarded as binding on Japanese Courts, unless it is provided by treaty, law, or ordinance that such decision should have the same effect in Japan as the decision of a Japanese Court. Nevertheless, from the point of view of evidence the decision of a foreign Court carries great weight. Articles, 5'4 and 515. of the Japanese Code of Civil Procedure provide that a creditor desirous of executing in Japan the decision of a foreign Court must first obtain instructions, the decision of a Court for the execution of the judgment in question But the claim in this case is not for execution of the decision of a day; the 12th instant, for gue drill. tergt. Cook, foreign Court, and this renders it necessary for the Court to make an examination of the

facts of the case. to whether the appellants were requested by the respondent to conduct suits brought against -Ea Shu and Company and three other-parties, for the prevention of the infringement of a trade-mark, the Court. finds that, according to a letter (No. 3 of Exhibit No. 5A) addressed by appellants to respondent under date lanuary 14th, 1903, which is proved by evi dence to be authoritative, the appellants (Wilkinson and Grist), asked the re-pondeat (Clifford Wilkinson) to reply by wire if he desired them to take proceedings on his behalf against three others who were alleged to be infringing his trade-marks, as his instructions, were, most vaguely worded Exhibit No. 6A shows that the respondent sent a telegraphic reply on January 21st, 1903, and requested appellants to take such proceedings. From this fact the Court concludes that the respondent instructed the appellants to proceed against Riche & Co., the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and Iram Hing I ong in addition to Et Shun and Co. That being so, it naturally follows that the respondent must pay to the appellants the costs of these four cases. Exhibits Nos. 1, 2, and 3B, put in by the respondent as counter-evi !ence, are all letters written by him to the appellicits between May 12th and August 3/t, 1913, after the date on which the appellants had been appointed to conduct the cases. Their meaning is very equivocal, the sequence of the points raised being verydifficult to follow and those exhibits are valuel: as as against the conclusion of the Court

In considering the second question atissue, -the amount of fees, &c., as claimed -the Court remarks that the respondent declares the amount excessive, and states hat the fees charged by Singapore solicitors on similar cases conducted in Singapore were much less. The Court dismisses this plea, on the ground that a difference in fees in different places where conditions vary is natural, and it is impossible to regard a standard adopted in one country as necessarily a standard in another. Both parties in this case being British subjects, and the contract being made in Hongkong, there can be no doubt that it was their intention that English law should rule in regard to the matter of fees, &c. So far as has been expressed in the course of these proceedings, no view on this point has been expressed to the contrary be either party. The Court evidence produced by the respondent for his

defence are not accepted. The judgment is signed by Judge Itagaki Fujio, presiding, and Judges Tanaka Torn, Mari Keitei, Tanaka Seifu and Sakabibara Shuliro.

> ASSOCIATION SHIELD COMPRIITION.

THE RUGBY ELEVAN D. H.M.S. " KING" ALFRED."

These clayers will play off their tie on Tuesday sout the toth instant, at 5 p.m. The The N. V. K. s.s. Iyo Maru, American Rugby Clob playing in white will be repred range: senied by the following ;- J. Clark, Goal; F. G. Crepil and H. W. Lester, Full backs; R. Monro, F. C. Hall and P. Linton, Half backs Liver west. The Victoria is expected to Mabile on this lost, and is expected here on A. D. Lang, R. O. Huichleop, R. F. C. Vatter, A. Clarton and J. MacGregor, Forwards,

NAVAL NOTES.

SHIPS RE-COMMISSIONING.

After laying up for about four years the sloop Algerine was re-commissioned, on Wednesday, last, with a crew brought o t by H. M. cruise, Royal Arthur. The Algerine will proceed to In the text of judgment delivered by the the North America and West Indies station. Otaka Appeal Court in the suit Wilkinson and | The survey vessel-H.M.S. Waterwitch-Grist agrinst Wilkinson, an interesting point, which has done such excellent services on the

foreign Court, remarks the Japan Chrenicle. The river gunboats-Robin, Moorhen and The case, it will be remembered, has been Sandpiper had half new crows each, all of before the Court many times. Mesers. Wilkin- whom were brought out by the Royal Arthur, son and Grist are solicitors of Hongkong, who The cruiser proceeds shortly to Woosung with were employed by Mr. Clifford Wilkinson to reliefs for the river guabouts Bramble, Britotake proceedings for violation of his trade-mark | mart, Thistle, Woodlark, Suipe, Toal and others, Tansan.' After the conclusion of the case, they of the Kinsha type on the Yangtie. On her way presented a bill for services rendered and back the Royal Arthur will embark all supermoney advanced amounting to Y2,348, which numeraries, invalids and prisoners homeward.

The cruiser Monmouth, after being re-comwas taken in Hongkong, and the solicitors missioned at Colombo, returned to the China ob ained judgment, whereupon they entered Station arriving in port this morning from

VOLUNTEER CORPS ORDERS.

TWING ALL UNITS. Parada -At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, the 9th instant, for infantry drill. Sergt. Downes, 3rd Middlesex Regt., will

ARTILLERY UNITS. Parade.-At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 10th instant, for 15 pdr. B.L. gun

drill. Sergt. Bassford, R.G.A., will attend: Parade.-At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 11th instant, for 15 pdr. B.L. gun drill. Sergt. Cock, R.Q.A., will attend. Parade .- At headquarters at \$.10 p.m. on Friday, the 13th instant, for 15 pdr. B.L. gun drill. Sergt. Bassford, R.G.A., will attend.

ENGINEER COMPANY. Parade. -At West Fort Kowloon, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the 11th instant, for technical

TAIKOO DETACHMENT. Parade. At Taikoo, at 5:30 p.m. on Thurs-

R.GA's will attend.,... GASCOIGNE SHIELD COMPETITION.

The following is the result of the Gascoigns In considering the first question at issue, as | Shield Competition held at Tai Hang Range on Saturday, the 29th February, 1908. ..

1st ..... Right & No. 2 Company ... 268 points 2nd ... Left 4 h o. 1 Company ... 207 ... 3rd ... Left 1 No. 2 Company ... 193 4th ... Right & No. 1 Company ... 156 GUN PRACTICE.

15 pdr. B.L. gun practice will be carried out from Stone cutters' north shore gun emplacament on Saturday, March 14th:

Parade at Blake I ier at 2.15 p.m., Dress :- Khaki uniform, helmet without badge, black boots and putties,

No je; -- Any member who has not attended a gun pract ce during the present drill season must attend this practice as otherwise he wil fail to make himself efficient.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The annual inspection by His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, South China, will take place on the Polo Ground on Saturday, March 21st. Dress marching order. Further orders will be issued next-week.

Officers Commanding Companies should endeavour to hold a parade of the whole of their company on some evening before date of inspection for purpose of fitting marching order equipment. The infantry instructor will atter if notice is given of date and hour of parade.

Mr. G. H. Elliot jained the Corps on the 10th February, 1908, assigned Corps No. 10 and posted to the Left | No. 1 Company.

Mr. H. E. Edwards joined the Corps on the 24th February, 1908, assigned Co ps No. 1013 and posted to the Left & No. 1 Company, Mr. R. Hope joined the Corps on the 24th

February, 1908, assigned Corps, No. 1014 and posted to the Left | No. t Company. Mr. J. R. Croiius joined the Corps on the

24th February, 1928, assigned Corps No. 1015 and posted to the Left & No. 1 Company. RESIGNED.

Gunner A. Broadbeat is permitted to resign

with effect from the 25th February, 1908. Gunner T. Seggie is permitted to resign with effect from the 25th February, 1908.

2/Lient, F. O. Reynolds is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony with effect from the 26th February, 1908. LEFT HALF NO. 1 COMPANY. Or se to members not receiving notices of

shools at the commencement of the season, the Shooting Committee have decided to alter the conditions for the Lammert Cup, A and B class as follows :-

five shoots and five to count. Four shoots have taken place and the re-

maining three will be held on the and Sundays their selection and for the adequate performin March, April and May. The fifth shoot for the Lammert Cup will

take place at the Tai Hang Range on Sunday, 8th March, commencing 9 30 a.m. ORDERLY OFFICER.

For week ending Saturday, 14th March, Lieut, M. S. Northcote.

MUSKETRY.

... It is notified for information that musketry will be carried out by all units on Sunday, the Bth instant, at, King's Park Range from 9 a.m. mutil 5 p.m. Sergt, Downes, 3rd Middlesex Regt., will attend.

RIGHT HALF NO. 1 COMPANY. It is notified for information that the sext miapl at 4.30 p.m.

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SWEETS.

Dessert.

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Fruits.

NOTICE. X7E have authorized Mr. EDWARD NISSIM to Sign our Firm in Hong- 66 kong and China from this date.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HAVE this day resumed charge of the HONGKONG BRANCH of the above Company.

W. H. TRENCHARD DAVIS,

Branch Manager & Underwriter Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,

LIMITED. NOTICE. THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY AN-

NUAL MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 25th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and State-ment of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 13th to 26th March, both days inclusive, JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ld.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY

LIMITED.

NOTICE THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL, MEETING of the SHARE HOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 26th March, at 12,30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st

December, 1907. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 26th March,

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY

LIMITED. FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOV THE Company's Steamship

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 10th instant, at to o'clock A.M.

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OFFICE OF THE CROWN

Mr. Hay asked the Under-Secretary for the Colonies whether the Secretary of State was satisfied with the existing constitution and administration of the office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies; what were the arrangements and conditions under which clerks entered this office: whether they underwent a competitive examination conducted by the Civil Service Commissioners, as in the case of other Government departments; and, if not, would he say

why this was not done. Mr. Churchill: The Secretary of State inoring mp that he accepts generally the position assumed by his predecessors with regard to the office of the Crown Agents. The clerks in the office are not Civil servants, and are therefore Seven shoots and five to count instead of not subject to the conditions under which Civil servants enter the Service. They are nominated the Crown Agents, who are responsible for ance of their duties.

In answer to further questions from Mr. Hay Mr. Churchill said he, could not say at the present moment whether any change would be

Mr. Hay asked whether a sum of a quarter of a million sterling or thereabouts was now held by the Crown Agents; and, if so, how that money was invested, by whom administered, and under what check.

Mr. Churchill: The Office Reserve Fund of the Crown Agents amounted on Dec. 31 last to £431,310. It is intended to provide for the Any member who has not yet completed his pensions of the Crown Agents and their staff, musketry should do so on this date. Engineer | and to cover deficiencies in the income of the Company commences at 9 a m., Artillery Units office which may be caused by fluctuations of at Is a.m. Ammunition will bo provided at | business, It is invested in securities approved by the Secretary of State. The Crown Agents are charged with its management and application under the direction of the Secretary of shoot of the above Half Company will take | State. It forms a part of the accounts of the place at Tel Hang Range on Sunday, the Sth | Crown Agents, which are audited by the Comptroller and Additor-General.

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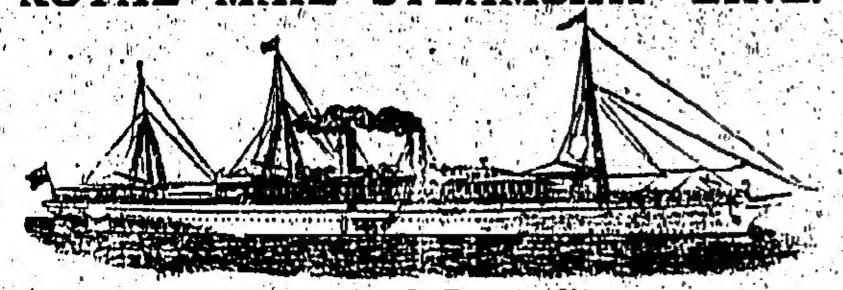
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Count de San Luis, Spanish Minister, in Lisbon, who was one of the first to opter the Arsenal after the shooting of King Carlos and the Crown Prince, has given an account of what he saw to a correspondent of the Daily. Telegraph to believed at first that the Prince was only slightly wounded-his body, preserved its warmth, and he had a smile on his face-but the doctor assured him that both;

were dead. The count went on :--"When we had finished our sad task I went to see the Queen and Prince Manuel. The Queen, desolated and sobbing, looked now to the dead, now to her wounded son Manuel, whom she pressed to her b art, Her Majesty, said, You are wounded, you are suffering, he Prince replied, with extraurdinary courage. saying, No, mother, no; I am not wounded, I'am not suffering from my arm, I only suffer from my misfortune, And as the Prince uttered these words he made efforts to suppless pain, which were caused by a builet going, through his arm;

"What I have seen and heard on this sanguinary day will never be efficed from my memory. The spectacle of the King and the dead heir, and of the Queen and the Prince clasping the dead, cannot be truly described.

"After this there arrived a few persons balonging to the Palace and the Government. The Queen and Prince were separated from the dead and conveyed to the palace: On the following day the countess and myself went to the palace to make an official inquiry, after the King had taken the oath. When he caught sight of my wife he went towards her. Carmen will tell you herself about the scene."

The Countess is a famous beauty, and she, with her two other sisters, are known in Madrid as "the three graces." Taking up the thread of the story, she said : 23

A TRRIBLE NIGHTMARE

"The new King, looking pule; through loss of blood and through the violent emotions he had experienced, came towards me with his left hand outstretched, as he had his right arm in a sling and bandaged. I bowed to him taking at the same time his left hand, and he said :-

"I am very unhappy and I think that everything that has occurred during these last hours seems but a terrible nightmare." Yesterday I had my father and my brother and all my happiness. To day I have neither the one nor the other. Life is sometimes bitter. Who could have told me yesterday that I would' become King, losing my father and brother! both of whom I cherished from the bottom of my heart? I cannot believe it; I cannot accustem myself yet to realise this tragic reality, and I am always with those sanguinary scenes under my eyes, as if something was haunting me.'

"The King, deathly pale, trembling with emotion and with physical and moral pain, the signs of which were visible on his youthful face, again extended his left hand to me, bidding me adieu, and leaving the Royal chamber.

I left, deeply moved at my interview." The Count and Countess de San Luis speaking to the correspondent about the state of the Queen, said that she is deeply grieved and disolate, and the events of these three days seem to have left indelible traces upon her vitage, which twenty years of trouble would not have

QUEEN AMELIE'S DENUNCIATION, The widowed Queen feels very bitterly against the late Premier, says the "Standard" correspondent, whom she holds to have been guilty of gross negligence in not taking measures for the safety of the King Carlos and the Crown Prince. A painful scene took place when Senhor Franco entered the death chamber. As the Queen saw him, she rose, and, pointing to the bodies of her husband and son, said, in a tone of reproach, "Behold your work !" Senhor Franco hung his head at the

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#### THE WEATHER.

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The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg. Director of the Hongkong Observatory :-On the 6th at 11.55 a .- The barometer has risen in Japan, the depression having moved away over the Pacific.

The barometer has risen slightly over Tongking, and fallen moderately over Formosa and the E. coast of China.

An area of low pressure has developed to the South of Formosa. It will probably move towards N.E. Pressure is highest ever N Chiun.

Fresh to strong N, and N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea

Hongkong Rainfall for the 21 hours ending at to a.m. to-day, o 14 inches:

1 .- Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N. winds, fresh, dull, some rain. 2.- Formusa Channel, N. to N.E. winds,

strong. 3 -- South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, same as No. 1.

4.-South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

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Slavonia, Ger. s.s., 4,5 4, Kotzke, 5th Mar.,-Amoy 4th Mar., Gen .- H. A. L. Holstein, Ger. s s., titar, N. Neijahr, 5th Mar., -Tourane and Mar., Coal and Rice.-

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Tean, Br. s.s.. 1,346, Outerbridge, 6th Mar.,-Manila and Mar., Gen,-B. & S. Kalgan, Br. s.s., 1,153, I ewis, 5th Mar.,-

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Kwanglee, Ch. s.s., 1,468, 'R. Lincoln, Ch Mar.,-Canton 5th Mar., Gen.-C. M. S. N. Co. Cheong Shing, Br. s.s., 1,256, F. Wheeler, fith Mar.,-Canton 5th Mar., Gen.-J., M. &

Liangehow, Rr. ss. 1,205, H. Harder, 6th Mar. - Canton 5th Mar., Gen. - B. & C. Tungshing, B. Is, 1,16, W. Stalker, 6th Mar., - Cantun 5th Mar., Gen, -J., M.

Clearances at the Harbour Office. Frithjof, for Snigon. Wongkol, for Swatow. Delta, for Singapore. Idomenaus, for Shanghai.

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Haimun, for Coast Ports. Frithjof, for Saigon. Fiume, for Horgay. Shramstad, for Saigon. Chrysang for Canton. Hangchow, for Canton. Marmora, for Shanghai, Kyoto Maru, for Saigon. Kowloom, for Vladivostock Rutin, for Chefon. Kiangping, for Chinking. Secotra, for Bingapore.

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#### Presenters arrived

Per Rourton, from Saigon-127 Chinese. Per Hongbee, from ingapore-850 Chinese. Per Idomeneus, from Singapore-460 Chi-

Per Della, Lom Sharghai for Bombay-Miss M. Corrie. For Marseill -- Mr. J. C. Hanson. For London-Mr. Holds onth, From Yokohama-Mr. W. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Lind. via., 13th February-Nyansa. 14th Februburg, child and infant, Mrs. Poss Young, Mrs ary-P. R. Friedrich, Machan, Scandla, 3 F.M. Crow and child, Mr. and Mrs. Niemyeller, Mrs.

Shipping Reports. Str. Kalgan, from Wuhu and Chinkiang :--Strong try and E.N.E. winds until off Chape Id. when thick fog and heavy rainswas met

Str. Idomeneus, from Liverpool via Singapore: -Moderate to light N.E. winds, with fine wear ther up to morning of 5th, then unsettled to noon, thence fresh to strong N.E. wind with

Str. Hong Bee, from Penang and Singapore; -Fine weather throughout the passage, when one day from Hongkong experienced strong N.E. wind; heavy sea, thick drizzling rain at ntervals.

#### VESSELS IN PORT:

STHAMP ... Anghin, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Chr. Kümpel, 4th Mar. - Salgon 28th Feb., Rice. - B. & S. Ascot, Br. s.s., 3,045, Booth, 4th Mar.,-Moli 29th Feb., Coal.—G., L. & Co. Arabin, Ger. s.s., 2,868, C. Neumann, 4th Mar., -Portland, Or. 29th Jan., Flour and Gen.

-P. & A. S. S. Co. Catherine. Apcar, Br. s.s., 1,730, W. D. A. Thomas, 3rd Mar., - Calcutta 14th Feb., Penang and Singapore 26th Feb., Gen.-D. S. & Co., Ld. Clara Jebsen; Ger. s,s., 1,103, J. Jewsen, 28th

Feb., -Saigon 23rd Feb., Rice. - J. & Co. Courtfield, Br. s.s., 2,784, J. Wiseman, 2nd Mar. - Ching wang tau 25th Feb., Gen .-Empress of China, Br. s.s., 3,046, R. Archibald,

R.N.R., 13th Feb.,—Vancouver, B.C., 25th Jan., and Shanghai 11th Feb., Mails and Gen.-C. P. R. Co. Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,065, Malkin, 2 th Feb.,-

Saigon and Feb., Rice .- J., M. & Co. Hulvard, Nor. s.s., 1, 76, R. Ranneberg, 16th Feb., -Dalny 21st Feb., Beans, -Order Hellas Ger. s.s., 1,5 6, J. Sach, and Mar.,baigon 27th Feb., Rice,-H. A. L. Inaba Maru, Jap. s.s., 6,000, Wm. Bainbridge, 5th Mar.,-London 25th Jan., and Singapore 29th Feb., Gen.-N. Y. K.

Itha n, Ger. s.s., 1,450, Vogeler. 4th Mar.,-Joshin Maru, Jap. s s., 702, H. S. Smith, 5th Mar.,--Amoy and Swatow 3rd Mar., Gen. -0. S. K. Kennebec, Br. s.s., 3,3 1 , C. R. Beynow, 3rd Mar .- Shanghai 29th Feb., Gen.-S. O.

Kohsichang, Ger. s.s., 1,258, C. Rosiefsky. 3rd Mar., -Bangkok 24th Feb., Rice. - B. Mandal, Nor. s.s., 1,194, K. Gabrie'sen, 23rd Feb., - Saigon 14th Feb., Rice and Paddy.

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Onsang, Br. s.s., 1,787, R. Cox, 29th Feb.,-Java 17th Feb., Sugar. - J., M. & Co. Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,057, F. Wenpel, 1st Mar. -Bangkok 23th Feb., Gen. -B. & S. Persia, Br. s.s., 2,744, A. Dixon, 11th Jan.,-

San Francisco 7th Dec., and Portland, Or 15th, Flour. - O. &.O. S. S. Co. Petchaburi, Ger. s.s., 2,190, C. Wolff, is Mar, - Swatow 29th Feb., Rice and Salt.-

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Sterin, Br. s.s., 1,396 Farrell, 78th Feb .-Singapore 20th Feb., Kerosine.-Mr. Geo. McBain. Taiwan, Br. s.s., 1,102, J. A. Martin, ist Mar.

-Snigon 25th Feb., Rice,-Chinese, Taiyuan, Br s.s., 1,459, L. Dawson, 2nd Mar., -Sydney 8th Feb., and Manila 29th, Gen.

Thordis, Nor. s.s., 1, 91, J. Jorpensen, 27th Feb .- Saigon 2 nd Feb., Rice .- Order. Tjimahi, Dut, s.s., 2,446, Bonman, 1st Mar-Muntok 2 at Feb., Sugar.- J. C. J. L. Triumph, Ger. s.s., 684, J. Hendixen," 4th

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-Bangkok 16th Feb., and Kohsichang 22nd, Rice and Gen .- B. & S.

Yoneyama Maru, Ja , s.s., N. Iwahashi, 24th Feb. - Nagasaki 19th Feb., Coal.-M. B.

Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, F. Rolfe, 3rd Mar., -Manila 1st Mar., Gen.-J., M. & Co. Zafiro, Br. s.s., r.619, R. Rodger, 5th Mar.,-Manila ard Mar., Hemp, Su ar, Cigars and Gen.-S., T. & Co.

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	Alacoity	despatch-yessel	700	-4	3,000	Commander E. La T. Leatham	Hongkong
-1	Algerice	sloop	1,050	4	1,100	Commander E. H. Edwards	Hongkong
ł	Astraea	cruiser, and class	4,360	10	7,000	Captain C. L. Vaughan-Lee	Shanghai
ł	Bedford	cruiser, ist class	9,800	14	22,000	Captain S. E. Erskine	Hongkong
	Bramble	river gunboat	710	6.	900	LieutCommander E. G. W. Davidson.	Yangtso
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١.	Flora	cruiser, and class	4,360	TO.	7,000	Captain Roland Nugent	Shanghai
	Handy	tomorile heat destroyer	275	6	4,000	LieutCommander W. H. Darwall	Hongkong
7	Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	.6	4,000	·LieutCommander Dickens	Hongkong
1	fanus	sameda hast dasteaves	280	6	3,900	Lieut-Commander C. A. Fremantle	Hongkong
- 1	Kent	cruiser, ist class	9,800	14	22,000	Captain G. C. A. Marescaux	Hongkong
	King Alfred	cruiser, 1st class	14,100	18	30,000	Captain C. F. Thursby	Hongkong
11	Kintha	river gunbost	"616"	1 4	1,200	LieutCommander S. H. Tennyson	Yangtse
- 1	Merlin	surveying ship	1,070	6	1,400	Commander F. H. Walter	Hongkong
3	Mopmonth	cruiser, 1st class	9,200	14	22,000	Captain J. A. Tuko	Hongkong
7	Makikan	river gunbont	180	2	800	LieutCommander C. C. Walcott.	Hongkong
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chéron	armoured gunboat	1,721	8	1,000	Lieut. Faure	
donr	receiving-ship	100	10 - u.		Lieut Du Merie	Haiphr no
lger	2nd class cruiser	4,327	20	8,000	Commander Fournier	Shanghai
louette	torpedo-depot pro	: 506	-	400	Commander Kerihuel	Salgon
tous	river gunboat	180	6	1,150	Lieut, Audouard	Si-kiang (Canton
FUIX		4,811	16	8,700	Captain Rochas	28120D
écidée	-uul-aat	647	12	900	Lleut, Le Blanc	Saigon
Entrecasteaux t	ist class cruiser	8,123	26	14,500	Capt. Tracou	Saigon
storgeon		-	-		Lieut. Combet	Saigon
ronde sharo		303	7	7,020	Lieut. Thierry	Saigon
	river gunboat	141	5	100	Lieut Meha	Haiphong
	. sub-marine		-	· · · · · ·	Lieut, Guesnel	Salgon
ianche	surveying-ship	1,512	10	800	Commander Ragot de la Touche	Salgon
ousquet	destunyer	303	7	700	Commander De la Roche Karandraon.	Salgon
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istolet.	destroyer	303	7	7,000	Commander Mortenol	Hongay
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cdoutable	hattleship, reserve	0,330	39	6,500	Capt. Passerat de Silans	Salgon
yx /	armoured gunboat,	1,721	8	1,000	Lieut, Seriot	Baigon
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Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agent China-Borneo Company, Limit	y, Limited	,604 12/6		none	. Ni	1' Er for TOO!		% S78 \$10) sales Tis. 48 buyers
China Flour Mill Co., Limited China Light and Power Comp	any, Limited	,000 Tis. 50 ,000 \$10 ,000 \$1	\$10	none	\$25,00	60 cents for year ended 28.2.06	***************************************	16 sales
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Shanghai Horse Baraar Co., Shanghai Pulp and Paper Co	Ld	5,400 Tis. 50	Tli, 50	Tis. 67,32	3 Tls. 9,7	Tls. 4 for 1905	***********	
Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco ( Shanghai Waterworks Comp	any, Limited	0,000 Tis. 20	1	( L TH' 20'0	205	(Interim of 151- for account 1907 (	old) }	Tls. 375 sales
South China Morning Post, Steam Laundry Company, Li Tientsin Waterworks Compa	ny, Limited	6,000 \$2 0,000 \$ 2,000 [15, ]	5 TIL 10	none f. Tls. 15,2	Jr. \$41,9	None  None  40 cents for year ending 31.5.07.  Tis, 61 for year ending 30.4.07.	64	Tis, 97 sellers
Union Waterboat Company, United Asbestos Oriental A	Limited	10,000 S1	o \$10	none Secon	× \$1,3	60 { 80 cents on 9,900 ord, shares and 5 100 Founders shares for yr, end	19.80 on ) 8	% \$10
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited		15,000 £1		275,0	00 \$ 35,4	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts.	for the }	% Sto buyers
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TRAITS, CRYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN; EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

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Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 7th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports, in connection with the Company's 8.8. Moultan, 9 600 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hong-kong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R. M.S. Parsia due in London on 18th April, 1908,

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

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Hongkong, 22nd February, 1908,

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Cargo also booked for principal places in

ratohe", Next sailings will be as tollows !-

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR LONDON, ANTWERP AND

HE Steamship

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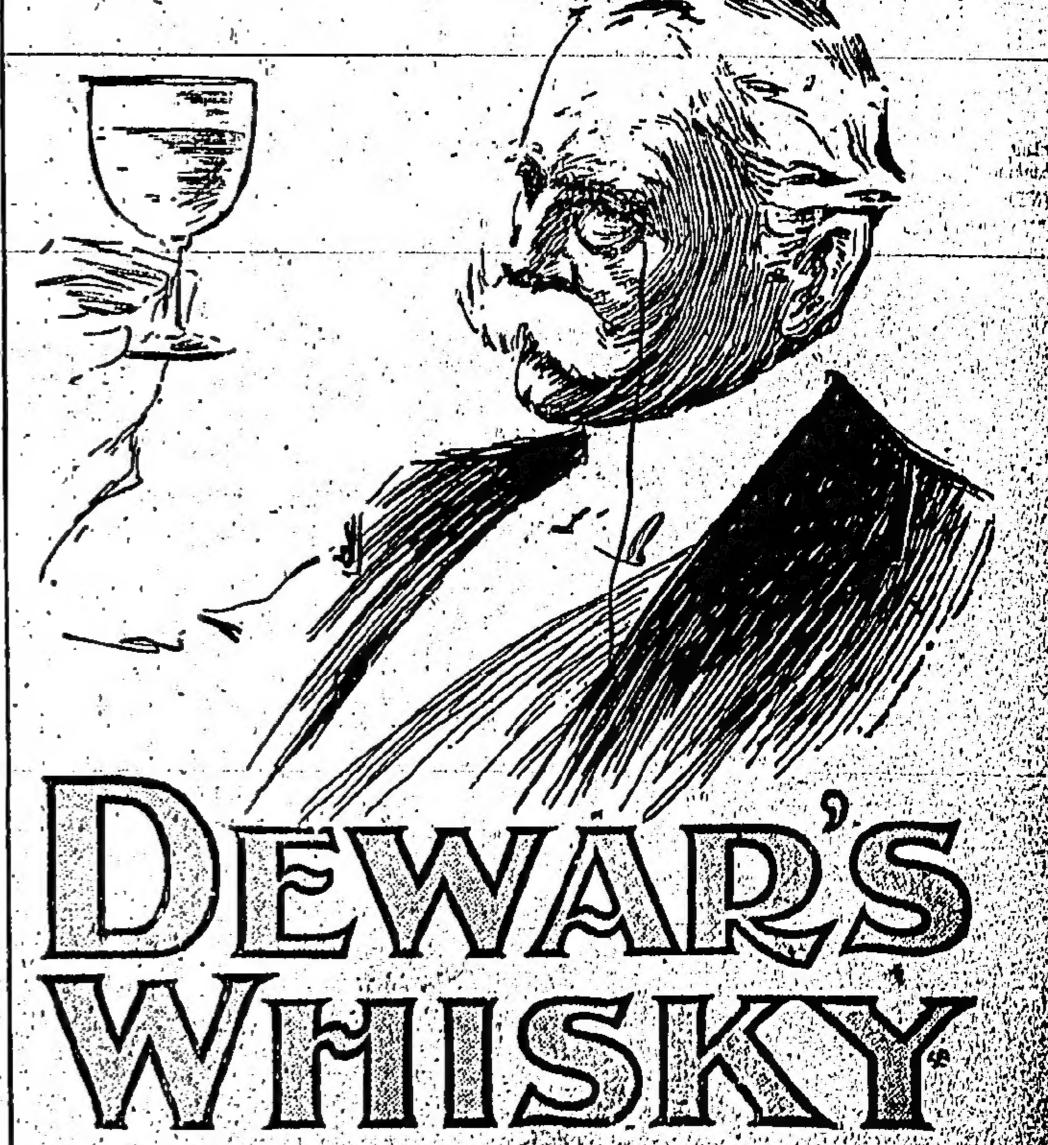
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